

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024

Attending: Phil Barker, Rebekah Elling, Deb Hofbauer, Rev. Aaron Holmgren, Artie Lemke, Norma Johannsen, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, Louise Nesdahl, and Nancy Wyatt.

Meeting convened at 7:02 PM.

Pastor Aaron opened the meeting talking about the themes from VBS.

Question of the day from Jack: What adventures are you looking forward to this summer.

Covenant was read by the Council members.

Minutes of last Council meeting: Minutes were approved as written.

Education: Report received.

Evangelism: Would welcome more people for the WSP parade. Contact Pam Wakeen. Janet asked that prayer request cards be handed out.

Missions: Sept 8th, God's Work, Our Hands. Still don't have a pastor at Magome.

Properties: Special fund drive for unplanned expenditures. Someone broke window outside furnace room. Some pole lights will have to be replaced.

Stewardship: June 3: Meeting with Minn. Power & Light to look at solar. Stewardship Drive in October will follow the Synod program – 5 Sundays, The Generosity Project.

Music & Worship: Bringing back favorite hymns for the summer.

Youth & Family: Game Day yesterday was a huge success. Want to keep the events going, Pet Blessing, Thursday activities, VBS.

Pastor's Report: Report received.

Financial Report: Profit & Loss comparison – shows what we did comparing 2023 to 2024. Income is up and expenses are down. Payments to benevolences are up to date. Pam is afraid she cannot do all of payroll, Janet will assist. Overall appraisal, giving has been steady.

Worker's Comp will be coming due in June. Now paying our Missions responsibility monthly.

Parish Nurse: Blood drive was successful enough that the Red Cross will hold another in the fall. Better advertising helped bring in double the number of people.

Riverside Innovation Hub: Trying to find out whether this is spreading. Rebekah asked for input on what members thought this project was all about. Cohort meeting went well. Being mindful of how we view our neighbors and how they see us. Starting Bible study. Looking for verses that relate to this project.

Synod Assembly: Keith Olson and Deb Lee produced reports from the Assembly. Pastor Aaron was a part of the worship service and sang in the choir. Pastor Aaron was elected as a St. Paul Area Synod representative for churchwide assembly in Arizona. Keynote speaker was outstanding. Next year there will be a statement on a church's involvement in civic life.

Building Fund Drive: Properties & Operations will be on Sunday, June 2nd. Request for extra funds; one day only.

Facility usage: Triple-T Square Dance Club (new request) and Klondike Kate's were approved for use.

VBS: Ready.

WSP Parade: Encourage everyone to attend.

National Night Out: August 16th.

Joint Outdoor Service: August 18th Marthaler Park. Maybe a picnic following.

Calendar: Up to date; let Carol Olson know if you change meeting dates.

City of West St. Paul is looking for groups to adopt a park. Emerson Park is needing a group to keep it clean. Park is at 1024 Gorman Avenue. Would need to commit to two years. Rebekah will do more research and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Thanks: Phil's group on the Easter Egg Hunt and Deb's group preparing Game Night. Pastor said to swing by and say hello to Jake Taulman in the back supporting Paul Wyatt on the streaming.

Phil made a motion to close the meeting after prayer. Louise seconded. Motion carried. Deb H. closed with prayer.

Janet was assigned prayer for next month. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Wyatt; Secretary

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