

# Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

## August 19, 2024

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

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM.

Meeting opened by Pastor Aaron in prayer and with a poem.

Covenant was read by the Council members.

Question of the month from Jack: What summer sport do you enjoy?

Minutes from July-last Council meeting: Minutes were approved as corrected.

Education: No report. Art had nothing to add.

Evangelism: Report received. Wanted to work out a date for the Campfire Singalong. Decided on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Beer and Hymns on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Missions: Report received. God's Work Our Hands on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Feed My Starving Children on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship Drive starts in September.

Properties: Report from Nancy Schmidt today. Window in the boiler room has been replaced. There is a broken window in the youth room. Almost \$13,000 in the special building fund drive.

Stewardship: Report received. Thrivent has sent the money for the recycling projects.

Music & Worship: Report received. Will be working on joint All Saints Sunday with St. Stephens. Joint meeting being set up.

Youth & Family: Report received. Bingo this coming Sunday.

Pastor's Report: Report received. Mentioned the Generosity Project in September. Productive meeting with the bishop.

Financial Report: The budget verses actual report is working. The income reporting is confusing and somewhat complicated. Pam is working on this. As of July, we have taken in \$132,922.45. We have taken in \$3455 less this year; spending more than we are taking in. Jack asked where the comparison was to budget.

Parish Nurse: Report received. Good seminar set up by Lyngblomsten.

Riverside Innovation Hub: Will be a major culture change in getting the message to our neighbors in a way they will receive it. Danger of Interpretations. Human brains are different, and we come with different interpretations. Questions: Pastor Tim is creating an eNewsletter. Council thought we should incorporate this into the weekly announcements. Need feedback from Council on adding another person from Salem to join the team. Next cohort meeting is on the same day as the next Council meeting. Bekah will try to listen to both.

Facility usage: After discussing with Finance, Jack suggested having prior monthly giving and attendance (instead of weekly) appear in the Announcements (Bulletin?)

Bus Stop adoption idea: West St. Paul wondered if we would like to adopt a bus stop or a neighborhood. Adopting Salem's neighborhood streets would be feasible. The Park Board asks for 2-3 times a year. Jack suggested quarterly. Pastor was in favor of doing this project. Bekah made a motion that we adopt the streets surrounding the church, Humboldt, Hall, and Bernard. Seconded by Janet. Motion carried unanimously. Bekah thought this should be assigned to Stewardship for coordination.

National Night Out: Good turnout; went well. About 50 non-Salem members attended. Jack thought that this should be an event we continue holding.

Joint Service with St. Stephens: August 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's since electrical work wasn't finished at Marthaler Park. St. Stephen's was especially appreciative of the choir since they don't have one.

Solar Update: Jack was surprised by the consumption figures. Huge in July and August, obviously the air conditioning. Jack thought Properties should look at this.

Jazz Concert: A contributor said they would fund another concert. Paul Wyatt (streamer) and Jon Pemberton (performer) will choose the date in October.

Covid Resurgence: Deb Lee and Judy Belland didn't think we need to do anything different than we are currently, but people should be alert.

Deb made a motion to close the meeting after prayer. Phil seconded. Motion carried. Deb closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Wyatt; Secretary