

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2024

Attending: Phil Barker, Deb Hofbauer, Artie Lemke, Louise Nesdahl, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, and Nancy Wyatt.

Meeting convened at 06:05 (Started one hour early.)

Question of the month from Jack: What is your favorite Christmas treats or drinks?

Meeting opened by Jack with a prayer attributed to King Arthur.

Covenant was read by the Council members.

Minutes from November-last Council meeting: Minutes were approved as corrected. Motion to accept as amended by Janet. Seconded by Phil. Passed unanimously.

Education: Report received.

Evangelism: No report. Phil wanted Council input on the success of the Christmas Tea and the Christmas pageant. Christmas Tea was wonderful. Pageant was fun and cute. Kudos to Carol Olson on her tireless work on both.

Missions: Report received. Have made contact with the new Magome pastor. Scholarships have been sent and received.

Properties: Report received. Solar-engineers have determined that the building can support the panels electrically and physically.

Stewardship: No report. Forty-four households pledged for 2025. Currently estimating non-pledge giving. Currently, \$45,000 in the checking account.

Worship & Music: No report. Recommend that Carol Olson be added to this group.

Youth & Family: Report received. Wondering if they should do another Game Day. Also, should they continue with the joint meetings with Education and Evangelism. Next meeting 2nd Tuesday of January.

Pastor's Report received.

Financial: Displayed report on amounts in the Restricted accounts. The Health Ministry will now go under Evangelism. Increase in Personnel is for 3% increase for staff. All other expenditures stayed nearly the same.

Parish Nurse: Report received. Had a successful Health Fair. Twelve people attended. Yoga will start in January.

Innovation: Report received.

KeyFob: Repairmen will be on site this Wednesday to fix the system.

Endowment Distribution: Would like Council approval. Nancy made a motion to recommend approval by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: Will have finger food and start the meeting directly after the service. All committees should be turning in reports by the second week of January. Be very specific.

Christmas activities: Faith Formation will be Christmas caroling this Wednesday. Starts with supper at 5:30 pm. Saturday, December 21st, will be Longest Night service.

Calendar: Jack offered his house for any broomball activities. Tomorrow a group will be trying to set up temporary lights for the walkways.

Thanks: Jack will get something out to Carol Olson for all the work she does.

Louise closed the meeting with prayer. Nancy will give the prayer in January.

Phil made a motion to adjourn. Janet seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 07:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Wyatt, Secretary