

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

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

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM.

Pastor opened with some thoughts on Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem and the following Holy Week. An invitation to really embrace the next five worship services.

Covenant was read by the Council members.

Jack asked each person to relate what they are looking forward to during the Easter season.

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

Education: Need more people to present at the Adult Forum.

Evangelism: There is one new member to the committee: Rebekah Elling. Deb asked Phil if he needed more ideas for the Easter children's event on Saturday. Jack will extend an invitation to the other congregations. West St. Paul parade: suggested that Salem and St. Stephen's collaborate.

Missions: No minister has been assigned to Magome yet.

Properties & Operations: Report available. Very busy repairing and painting. There will be discussion on fixing or replacing Sanctuary carpeting.

Stewardship: Report received. Salem gardens; needs a point person. Nancy and Carol Olson have volunteered to support Johanna Nelson. Should be coordinated by Properties. Nancy, Johanna, and Carol would like to meet on Mondays. The list of assignments from last year has been prepared by Michelle.

Music & Worship: Report available.

Youth & Family: Report available. Will begin asking for volunteers for VBS. Planning for more intergenerational gatherings. St. Stephen's is making plans for Faith Formation now that Tracy (their FF coordinator) has resigned. Pastor Aaron will contact St. Stephen's to make sure they know that Salem would like to be involved.

Pastor: Report available.

Finance: Janet distributed several reports. Janet would like to work with Mark Schmidt to prepare a simpler report for Council. The Endowment Fund is in the General Fund temporarily (shown in the report) but it has now been distributed.

Parish Nurse: Looks like there will be a Blood Drive on May 8th. Will step up the recruitment to people outside of Salem in hopes of getting more attendance.

Riverside Innovation Hub: Rebekah has prepared a comprehensive report. Encouraged congregation to share a space that could become a listening post in the community. Pastor Tim and other Innovation Hub people will be at the Adult Forum on April 28th. Speakers of JUSTMove talked a lot about the man who was outside trying to listen to Jesus. (Mark 2:1-2)

Youth Task Force: Finished its business and voted to dissolve itself.

Synod Assembly will be in May. If anyone has concerns, they need to bring them to the April Council meeting.

Jack asked everybody to review the draft Annual Meeting minutes and send Nancy any corrections or changes. Have not received any additions or corrections.

Jack called for a vote on approving the current Mission Statement. The vote was approved unanimously.
Jack asked for a vote on approving the current Policies. The vote was approved unanimously.

National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans this year.

Tanzania is asking for used Pastor robes, etc. Nancy and Pastor Aaron did an inventory and prepared a box for Jack to take to the Synod.

Beer & Hymns: April 22nd at 6:00. Hymns on the Creation.

Streaming Help: Nancy is now backing up Paul Wyatt. Jake Taulman is also interested. Keith Olson is going to start training.

Calendar: Add Earth Day Sunday, April 21st. Add new Blood Drive, May 8th.

Mission Statement: Rebekah has added some helpers for this project.

Phil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Artie seconded. Meeting adjourned unanimously at 8:16 pm.

Phil closed the meeting with prayer. Artie was assigned closing prayer for the April meeting. Deb will have the closing prayer for the May meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Wyatt; Secretary