

# Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

## March 17, 2025

Attending: Deb Hofbauer, Aaron Holmgren, Debbie Lee, Art Lemke, Louise Nesdahl, Lana Pemberton, Janet Sell, Jack Schlukebier, and Nancy Wyatt.

The meeting started at 7:02 pm.

President Lana Pemberton opened the meeting with the question, "What do you think we do really well at Salem."

Pastor Aaron read The St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer.

Covenant was read by Council members.

Minutes from February-last Council meeting: Minutes were not approved while research is done on the 2024 nomination issues. Jack will do this research.

Evangelism and Youth & Family: Report received. Easter Egg Hunt on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Don't have a volunteer to be the Easter Bunny. Meeting this coming Thursday.

Missions: Report received. One mistake; Loaves & Fishes is March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Properties: Jack put together the report as Nancy Schmidt is out of town. Louise asked if our cleaning crew know how to handle the new recycling. Jack will be meeting with the other two churches to make sure they understand the new procedures.

Education: Report sent today. VBS will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August, Friday and Saturday and a joint service on Sunday.

Parish Nurse: Report sent today. Will be doing another round of Yoga. Question about whether the attendees will eventually have to pay.

Music & Worship: Email report. Usually meet on a quarterly basis.

Pastor's Report: Report received. Pastor will be preaching at Augustana's Wednesday morning Lenten service on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Stewardship: Information unavailable. Pastor met with committee to talk about the Capital Campaign.

Finance: February was not a good month for collections. Bequest Holding Account received the final payment from our previous year's benefactor.

Innovation Hub: Report received. There should be more documentation coming and some videos.

Proposal for a Council Workshop: Executive Council suggested that we divide up the documents that we want to study and do one per Council meeting. Next month we will review the Mission, Vision, and Council duties.

Solar Project: Pastor Aaron reported that both Properties and Operations are satisfied with the engineering report that was requested in writing. Stewardship was brought back into the discussion in how it will be purchased. The Stewardship Committee requests that Salem we \$75,275 out of our current funds, which includes the Bequest Fund. Then the final amount of \$30,630. Then the congregation would pay that amount back to the General Fund over several years. The rebate from the federal government that will come after completion will be for \$37,000. Jack made a motion that Council approve the Contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Debbie seconded. Pastor Aaron made a motion for the Council approved contract be presented to the congregation for discussion and a vote on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor and Michelle Rodriguez will get the necessary announcements prepared and sent out. Jack seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar: Loaves and Fishes will be before the next Council meeting and Feed My Starving Children is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Lana would like to straighten out the procedure for keeping the calendar up to date.

Carol Olson wanted to remind everyone that payment requests need an account number.

Mission committee needs to raise funds for the Tanzania trip.

Action items:

Lana will remember to send out reports to everyone

Jack will research the nomination of Nancy Wyatt Endowment issue.

Pastor will get solar issues sent out to congregation.

Copies for financials.

Read the document for the next meeting.

Janet will offer the prayer at the next meeting.

Jack made a motion to close the meeting after prayer. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

Debbie Lee closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary