

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

Attending: Phil Barker, Deb Hofbauer, Aaron Holmgren, Debbie Lee, Louise Nesdahl, Lana Pemberton, Jack Schlukerbier, Janet Sell, and Nancy Wyatt.

The meeting began at 7:10 pm.

Question for this month: What does Christian faith mean to you?

Opening prayer by Pastor Aaron using song "Great God Your Love Has Called Us Here" by Brian Wren.

Minutes from February meeting: Minutes were not approved while research is done on the 2024 nomination issues. Nancy Wyatt's first 3-year term on the Endowment Committee was from 2021-2023 and she was on the 2024 ballot as nominated to serve a second term (2024-2026). This is closed. Janet moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded and passed.

Minutes from March meeting: Add Janet Sell's name as she was present. Passed.

Special meeting minutes: One missing name. Will resolve with Michelle Rodriguez. Phil made a motion to approve the minutes. Janet seconded. Passed.

Reports

Youth & Family: Report received. Carol Olson and Debbie asked about the VBS Restricted Account. There should have also been money in the budget. Pastor Aaron said it was in Faith Formation. Janet said she would research and get back to Carol and Debbie. Also wondering how to pay for the Easter Egg events, is it 3265-Youth Fund? Answer is Yes.

Evangelism: Report echoes Youth & Family

Missions: Report received. Committee wants to pay for Pastor Aaron to go to Tanzania. Need \$2500 to cover the Pastor's trip. But the village has also requested many expensive items. Nancy made a motion that we use \$2500 from the Bequest Fund for the Pastor's Tanzania travel expenses and deposit it in the Tanzania Travel Fund. Janet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Properties: The doors in both Narthex's need to be repaired. Globe lights on the Hall sidewalk side need to be replaced.

Stewardship: No report. Payback drive for the Solar project starts next week. Will have a celebration when they turn on the switch.

Worship: Report received.

Parish Nurse: Report received.

Financial Reports: Reports were only sent to Lana. Solar company has been paid in full. Finances look good.

Riverside Project: May be fading away as both St. Stephen's pastors are retiring this year.

Pastor's Report: Report received.

Streaming costs: Can we pay Jake Taulman a stipend when he covers for Paul Wyatt on streaming. Pastor mentioned that there is a Pastor's Personal Use Fund that could be used for that payment. Pastor Aaron made a motion that we approve \$155 from the Pastor's Personal Use Fund for Jake's past services. The motion was seconded and passed. This will be passed on to the Music & Worship Committee for the rate for future backup work.

Sunday Fellowship Hour: Requests for the fellowship to go back upstairs. It had been moved downstairs to Fellowship Hall. Jack made a motion that the Coffee Hour be moved from its current location to the Narthex. Seconded and passed. Jack will ask May Lou Vining-Berg to research compostable utensils, napkins, and cups.

Mission and Vision Statement: Approval was voiced for the Mission Statement AS IS. Pastor Aaron made a motion that we affirm the Mission Statement AS IS. Seconded and passed. Jack would also like to go over the budget line-by-line.

Action items:

Lana will send Janet's Financial reports to all in the Council since Janet cannot create a mail group in her email system.
Read the Salem Vision Statement and the Council Duties and the budget, be prepared for the next meeting.

Jack made a motion to close the meeting following the closing prayer. Phil seconded. Motion passed.
Janet closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary