

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 20, 2023

Present: Jared Steinberg, Bill Schmidt, Mary Berg, David Westlund, Dan Lobejko, Andrea Theisen, Kim Reid, Jeff Palm, Brian Grubbs, Van Kellogg

Ex-officio: Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jared Steinberg.

Devotion and Prayer: Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

Prior to the regular order of business, the Council was joined via ZOOM by two Peace members and a member of the community who used a plot in the Community Garden last year. They expressed concern about the decision to leave the land fallow for this year, citing issues concerning the value of the garden as outreach to the community, and would like to see the Garden continue.

Secretary's Report: A copy of the Secretary's Report was made available. The Report was amended to read as follows: replace the phrase "and that the Council will move forward to manage the Peace Garden" to "and that the Community Garden Advisory Board under the direction of the Council will move forward to manage the Peace Garden." A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Bill Schmidt, seconded and passed.

Pastor's Report: Busy with pastoral care, especially with those in hospice. Events coming up include a Farewell Reception for Kerry Tomandl and Vicar Jessie Hodgson, a Silent Auction fundraiser for the Mission and Ministry of Peace, a Confirmation Dinner for all the students, confirmands and their families, and a Cake and Coffee reception for Emily Brown, Seminary Graduate.

President's Report: Time spent keeping up with the Community Garden Advisory Board. There is no update concerning the Outlot as Jared has not heard back from Amber Lange, the real estate agent.

Treasurer's Report: A copy of the Treasurer's Report was made available. It has been a good month. We received some Thrivent choice dollars. We were able to pay \$22,000 on the line of credit. It was explained how some items can appear over budget due to billing and payment dates but will even out at a later time. There are items over budget due to some one-time expenses. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Van Kellogg, seconded by Andrea Theisen, and passed.

Old Business: Discussion was held concerning the Peace Community Garden. Chairman Bill Schmidt reported that the Community Garden Advisory Board met recently and revisited all the various pros and cons that had gone into the decision that was presented at the March Meeting. The review did not change the Board's decision. Discussion was held concerning the personal appeal to reestablish the garden, which was made over ZOOM at the beginning of this meeting. A motion to continue with the plan that was adopted at the March 9th meeting was made by Dave Westlund, seconded by Van Kellogg, and unanimously passed. Jared will respond to those who made the appeal.

Old Business: The Church Directory, which was started before the Pandemic, then restarted last year, is now on pause due to the dissolution of the involved vendors.

New Business: Andrea Theisen reported that the Preschool is looking for a new director. Mary Berg reported that the Health and Wellness Team is organizing walkers for the 5K Walk for Mental Wellness which will be on June 3, 2023, at the Coon Rapids Dam.

Upcoming Dates: The next Council meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Van Kellogg, seconded by Andrea Theisen and passed.

The Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Berg, Secretary