

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
June 15, 2023

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

Not Present: Andrea Theisen, Jeff Palm

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

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes for both April 20, 2023, and May 11, 2023, were made available. A motion to approve the minutes for April was made by Dan Lobejko, second by Brian Grubbs and passed. A motion to approve the minutes for May was made by Van Kellogg, second by Bill Schmidt, and passed.

Pastor's Report: Continue to be busy with care calls and other Pastoral Acts including an upcoming funeral.

President's Report: Updated information from Amber Lange, the real estate agent, is included in New Business.

Treasurer's Report: It has been a challenging month but there are some positives such as receiving some Thrivent Choice Dollars. There is an increase in the number of people giving on-line. An endowment distribution was received. The special appeal, which was budgeted for spring, will be in the fall. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Van Kellogg, seconded by Kim Reid and passed. Dave said he would be available to speak to the congregation concerning financial issues at any time.

New Business: Jared continues to be in contact with Amber Lange, the real estate agent. The best projected price that could be gotten from the land is based on high density residential use. Keller Williams would place their "For Sale" sign.

New Business: Dave presented information about a Term Life Insurance Policy that is included in the Endowment Fund. The cash value of the Policy decreases every year and the Policy will expire in 2026. The Endowment Fund owes the Church. If we surrender the policy now we can use that income (around \$735) before it becomes smaller to reduce the amount the Endowment Fund owes (around \$13,000). A motion to surrender the policy and use the money to reduce the amount the Endowment Fund owes the Church was made by Van Kellogg, seconded and passed.

New Business: Bill reported that eight people worked in the garden on May 20. They gathered up all the items left laying around from last year, tilled and sprayed. A few items will be picked up. Water use will be limited to an Eagle Scout Project and watering some shrubs.

Upcoming Dates: The next Council meeting will be Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schmidt, seconded by Brian Grubbs and passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Berg, Secretary