

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
July 13, 2023

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

Not Present: Dan Lobejko, Andrea Theisen, Jeff Palm, Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

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

**Secretary's Report:** Copies of the minutes for June 15, 2023, were made available. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Grubbs, second by Van Kellogg and passed.

**Pastor's Report:** While Pastor Valerie was not at the meeting, Jared and Bill passed along information from the Pastor concerning her activities which included funerals, visitations, and planning the upcoming Fall activities.

**President's Report:** Jared reported that the land is now for sale. The agent, Amber Lange, is working with the sign makers and the placement of the two signs. We don't want the signs too near the church as we don't want it to look like the church is for sale.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income was received from Thrivent Choice Dollars and the proceeds of the Silent Auction. The Organ and Piano Maintenance costs have gone up. "Portals of Prayer" is paid for the year. The router needed to be replaced. Advertisements about the Employee Retention Credit encouraged the church to check out the qualifications. Peace did qualify and we received \$19,000 plus interest. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Van Kellogg, second by Brian Grubbs and passed.

**New Business:** An updated copy of "Peace Lutheran Church, Bank Account and Stock Activity Resolution, July 13, 2023" was made available on screen. The document lists those who are authorized to use the financial accounts of Peace and needs to be updated every year. A motion to approve the document was made by Dave Westerland, second by Bill Schmidt and passed.

**New Business:** Bill reported that the garden area has been seeded with oats and that the group did some trimming and cleaning up. Mowing needs to be done. There were a number of keys for the small building that houses the landscaping equipment and it was difficult to know who all had them so the door was re-keyed and there are now four keys to the edifice and we know who has them.

**New Business:** Pastor Valerie will be celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Ordination on August 20, 2023. A sub-committee of the Council will plan a reception and send out invitations to Bishop Anne and the Synod. Jared will compile a list.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Van Kellogg, second by Kim Reid and passed.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Berg, Secretary