

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 14, 2023

Present: Jared Steinberg, Bill Schmidt, Mary Berg, David Westlund, Brian Grubbs, Van Kellogg, Andrea Theisen

Not Present: Dan Lobejko, Jeff Palm, Kim Reid

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 August 11, 2023 were made available on screen. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Van Kellogg, seconded and passed.

Pastor's Report: The Liberian Church will begin meeting at Peace starting September 24th. They have around 25 members. Plans are to work together with them at Christmas and Easter. We have hired a 2nd year seminarian, Eric Nelson. He will help with Worship Services and teach confirmation. We are hiring a bookkeeper who will be trained in by Arlen Missling. Confirmation Orientation was on September 13. The Affirmation of Baptism will be on Sunday, September 24, at the 10:00 am Service. There will be a baptism on Sunday, September 17th. Pastor Val thanked the council for a successful Rally Day.

President's Report: Jared continues to stay in contact with Amber Lange, the realtor. The "For Sale" signs have generated interest and we have people looking at the property. The celebration of Pastor's Valerie's 35th Ordination on Sunday, August 20th, was a great event. Pastor Val thanked the Council for their efforts to make the day special.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were made available on screen by Dave. Regular giving has improved a little. Expenses included Sunday School Supplies, a large order of paper and under building maintenance cleaning the carpets by an outside service. The Term Life Insurance Policy that was part of The Endowment Board has been turned in and the proceeds used to reduce the debt the Fund owes the Church. Thank you to The Women of Peace who donated funds to the Church. The budget was trimmed down at the beginning of the year and efforts are being made to keep within the budget. However, the outstanding balance on our line of credit is now \$69,000. Dave is planning to speak to the Congregation in November. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Andrea Theisen, second by Bill Schmidt and passed.

Old Business: Bill reported that watering in the garden plot this summer has been limited to a few shrubs and the Eagle Scout Project. The water supply for the garden will be disconnected next week for the winter. They continue to work on keeping the weeds down. The garden is in good shape for the autumn and winter.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Schmidt, second by Van Kellogg and passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Berg, Secretary