

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
October 12, 2023

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

**Not Present:** Jeff Palm, Andrea Thiesen

**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 September 14, 2023, were made available on screen. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded by Dan Lobejko and passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Working on the "After Sunday" Stewardship Campaign which begins this month. Stewardship speakers are David who will speak on Reformation Sunday, October 29th, and Jared who will speak on All Saints Sunday, November 5th. The vaccination Clinic for COVID and Flu Shots is on Saturday, October 14. We need a few more cars to participate in the Annual Trunk or Treat event Halloween evening. The Liberians are now meeting at the church. Mark Vogel, who had been on the Staff for over 15 years, is retiring. There will be a cake and coffee reception for him on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We have four people in hospice.

**President's Report:** Jared expressed a special "Thank you" to Pastor Val for all she does. We do have people interested in the Out Lot. Jared is monitoring the situation and will provide information when there is something definite to work with.

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the Treasurer's Report was made available on screen. We received some Thrivent Choice Dollars. Some expenses were for the Wednesday Night Meals which have started up and for Worship Supplies like "Portals of Prayer" and ordering some new Pew Bibles. The Utility costs were down for the month. Expenses were a little below Budget. The Line of Credit is around \$69,000, the maximum is \$75,000. Dave plans on including a Treasurer's Report in the next Newsletter. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Van Kellogg, seconded by Dan Lobejko and passed.

**New Business:** Pastor Valerie attended the October Finance Committee Meeting and reported that there is a \$22,000 gift available from the estate of a member. A motion was made to transfer the unrestricted funds to the General Fund for use in the "After Sunday" Stewardship Campaign. The motion was made by Dave Westerland, seconded by Van Kellogg and passed.

Dave reported that there is a life insurance policy in the Endowment Fund for which we are paying the premiums. A discussion was held concerning the details and what options are available. A motion to authorize borrowing \$13,234.77 from the cash value of the Endowment life insurance policy to reimburse the Mission and Ministry Fund for the premiums paid in the past was made by Dave Westlund, second by Bill Schmidt and passed. A motion to use the available funds for Paid Up Additional insurance each year to pay a portion of the premiums due was made by Dave Westlund,

second by Dan Lobejko and passed. A motion to borrow from the accumulated cash value to pay the premiums each year was made by Dave Westlund, second by Bill Schmidt and passed.

**Dates:** Next meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:30.  
Annual Congregational Meeting, February 11, 2024

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by David Westlund, second by Brian Grubbs, and passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Berg, Secretary