

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting

October 24, 2024, 6:30pm

Present by zoom: Bill Schmidt, Kim Reid, Greg Loberg, Nicole Harris, Brian Grubbs, Van Kellog, Jared Steinberg

Ex-officio: Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

Call to Order: The zoom meeting was called to order by President Bill Schmidt

Nicole Harris agreed to take minutes as secretary Ginger Walker was unable to attend the meeting.

Prayer by Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed online. It was noted that the next meeting date had been changed from October 10th to October 24th due to a conflict with a concert scheduled at Peace Lutheran. Brian moved to accept the minutes, Van second. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Funeral was held today, and there are a couple of more upcoming.

City of Coon Rapids called to get some facts about the land sale, including whether we got the price we wanted for the land, whether the land had been advertised publicly. Anoka County is working with the new owner in regard to possible getting access from University Avenue.

Rally day, Confirmation Sunday and Bibles were handed out for preschool – 6th grade.

The letter written by Greg Loberg on finance situation has been well received.

A Fundraiser at Baker's Square on Round Lake Blvd is being set up for November.

Trychia's celebration recognizing 20 years is November 10th. A pot luck featuring dishes of the last 20 years will be held following a special musical morning worship.

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be made again this year.

Sunday, November 24th a Thanksgiving service will be held.

Bible Studies are going well.

Mike Loven kidney working well and he will be in Rochester for next 3 months with continued recovery from his transplants. Pastor Val shared the gifts from the church and they were overwhelmed with tears of gratefulness.

President's Report:

Pea gravel still here. Shannon and Todd Fox may be interested in some. Bill took some of the pea gravel, but there is still a lot left.

Treasurer's Report by Greg Loberg:

Reviewed the Treasurer's Report September, 2024 document on screen. September was anticipated to be behind budget, but income exceeded spending by nearly \$13,000 due to some generous gifts and overall increased giving. Only had to borrow \$3,500 from the line of credit.

Finance committee working to set up a Venmo account. Bank account (PayPal and Venmo checking) has been set up. Westlund and Jessie are working on the final setup. Funds will be moved to the Church checking as they come in.

Motion to approve report by Brian, second by Kim. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Support post for the cross has been cleaned and painted. Bright white which really shows from the street. It is awesome.

Garden update by Nicole: Plants approved by memorial funds will be planted in the spring to allow for proper soil amendment and ground preparation. Most of the chives have been removed. Review of the landscape plan and divide existing plants to ensure the garden is a low maintenance garden and the number of plants suggested in the design make sense to us for the space. New boxwood bushes have been planted in front of the sanctuary. Dan has moved the sprinklers to accommodate the boxwood bushes. The old garden in front of the cross has been removed and replaced with sod. The weeds in front of the nursery have been cleared and replaced with sod.

New Business:

Bill reviewed procedure for updating the Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion to change the terms of the Vice President and Secretary from one year to two years.

Motion made to recommend to the Congregation at the annual meeting an update to the Constitution C11.02 :.....The vice president and secretary shall serve for **one year** or until their successors are elected and installed. With the term **two years**.

Update the corresponding by law Part VIII, 2. A.: The Congregation Council vice president serves **one year** or until a successor is elected and installed. With the term **two years**.

Update the corresponding by law Part VIII, 3. A: The Congregation Council secretary serves **one year** or until a successor is elected and installed. With the term **two years**.

Motion made by Bill and seconded by Van. Passed unanimously.

Brief discussion followed on some additional potential changes to the Constitution and By Laws to be reviewed at the November meeting.

Bill will work with Julie to review the offices up for election at the Annual Meeting. This will allow time to start finding individuals interested in serving.

Upcoming Dates:

Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2024 at 6:30pm by zoom.

Jared moved to adjourn, Van seconded, motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Nicole Harris & Bill Schmidt