**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 6:30 pm**

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Marci Prescott, Delane Behr, Shannon Bruhns, Doug Bruhns, Laura Gardner, Sondra Nelson, Mary Peterson, Dan Rice, Mike Swenson, Cindy Haugsdal.

Shannon opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

**Secretary’s Report:** February Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Laura moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Doug. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – received 3 anonymous donations of $50 each, $150 deposited into the general fund; Salem has received requests from LMCS After Prom Committee for a donation and LM Chamber Development Corp for July Jubilee sponsorship opportunity. Marci moved to provide donations in the same amount as 2023 for both requests, seconded by Mike. All approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Doug provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for February 2024 $18,236.00

Total Expenses for February 2024 $5,203.88 (Income less expense $13,032.12) (This includes a -$8,099.54 accounting adjustment related to distributions out of dedicated accounts).

Checking account balance (02/29/2024) $91,331.20

FTSB/Tuckpointing account balance (02/29/2024) $54,064.32

CD’s at FTSB (02/29/2024) Reserves $26,014.17

CD at MBT (02/29/2024) Ness Estate $48,334.93

**Financial Secretary’s report:** Laura provided a written report.

2023 YTD total offerings (02/28/2024) $31,109

2022 YTD total offerings (02/28/2023) $28,717

Mike moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Mary. All approved.

**Board Reports**

**Enduring Gift Fund:** 2024 1st quarter report is due in April.

**Board of Worship and Music:**  Mary provided a written and verbal report: Flower orders for Easter Sunday are being ordered through Three Oaks; Kids are singing on April 28th; Brady Kurtz and Bruce Adams are providing special music on Easter Sunday; Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday plans reviewed; Pastor supply completed through May; reviewing assigned tasks for the Worship Coordinator.

**Board of Life & Growth:** Sondra provided a written and verbal report: Lenten daily devotional/prayer guides are available to congregation; looking for new ways to encourage growth of Salem.

**Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry:** Doug provided a verbal report: Working on the Congregational Barbecue the end of April; Noisy offering currently being collected for the Good Samaritan Fund.

**Board of Property and Management:** Mike provided a verbal report: Mike left a message for Young Construction to provide an update on scheduling work on the south steeple; Met with Ken Kaiser Restoration from Des Moines to discuss restoring the bell tower vs removal; Status of plans/bids to remove Bell tower with Dave Randall and Jared Beenken are still pending.

**Board of Youth:** Marci provided a written and verbal report: Snow tubing/skiing event cancelled due to warm weather; 5th grade students and families First communion classes on 3/3, 3/10 and 3/24 with Welcome to the Table Meal/First communion on Maundy Thursday on 3/28; Easter Egg hunt scheduled for 3/24, asking for donations for candy to fill the eggs; Last day of Faith Formation will be on 4/28 with the kids singing and a spring clean up service project; Last day of confirmation class will be 5/1 with a pizza party on 5/8; Graduation gifts have been ordered for Salem Seniors; still need volunteers to help with Faith Formations with a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the chapel.

**Pastoral Care Support:** None.

**Pastor’s Report:** None.

Mary moved to accept board reports, seconded by Doug. All approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Call Committee Report – There has been no new information or candidates to interview. Mike asked if we could check with other ELCA synods for candidates to interview, Shannon will investigate this.
2. Capital Project Update
   1. South Steeple Project – see Board of Property and Management report.
   2. Remit Invoice – Dave Randall Construction submitted billing for time, mileage and supplies for his work looking into the Bell tower building project. Mike will review these bills and discuss with Dave.
3. Summer Feeding Program Update – Status for this summer is pending due to funding issues.

**New Business:**

1. Pastor Randy Baldwin/LMAMA have asked to have LMCS Baccalaureate service at Salem on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm. Delane moved that Salem host this service as asked, seconded by Laura. All approved.
2. Adrian Curtis Halvorson Estate Donation to Salem – Salem has been notified by the estate of former member, Adrian Curtis Halvorson, that Salem is a beneficiary to funds from the estate that will be designated to the Cemetery Endowment Fund and Building, Repair and Maintenance Fund. Adrian was the brother to Janet Vinson and Orloue Thomson. Salem is extremely grateful for this memorial giving which will be published upon receipt.
3. New members – None
4. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Susan Smith requested transfer to Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, Iowa. Marci moved to accept transfer, seconded by Sondra. All approved.
5. Next meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Salem library.

Mike moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Doug. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal