

Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 6:30 pm

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Shannon Bruhns, Delane Behr, Doug Bruhns, Laura Gardner, Mary Peterson, Marci Prescott, Cindy Haugsdal

Absent: Sondra Nelson, Dan Rice

Shannon started the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: April Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

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

Communication and correspondence – Received 2 anonymous donations for \$50 each, deposited into the general fund.

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

Total income for April 2024 \$16,285.68

Total Expenses for April 2024 \$9,666.11 (Income less expense \$6,619.57)

Checking account balance 4/30/2024) \$110,983.28

Building Project account balance 4/30/2024 \$54,559.32

CD's at FTSB (4/30/2024) Reserves \$26,014.17

CD at MBT (4/30/2024) Ness Estate \$48,334.93

Financial Secretary's report: Laura provided a written report:

2024 YTD total offerings (4/30/2024) \$72,291

2023 YTD total offerings (4/30/2023) \$66,175

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

Board Reports

Enduring Gift Fund report: The next quarterly report (April-June 2024) is due at the July Council meeting.

Board of Worship and Music: Mary provided a written and verbal report: Board met on 5/1/2024; discussed upcoming baptisms, Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday; Planning celebration of the Church birthday with red geraniums on May 19 (members can order and provide in honor or memory); continuing to plan for one outdoor service the second Sunday of each month (June, July, August); discussed special musicians for summer services and use of YouTube videos during services.

Board of Life & Growth: Sondra provided a written report: Board will serve ice cream and cookies following the bacalaureate service on Wednesday, May 15.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Doug provided a verbal report: 3rd annual Stewardship barbecue was well attended and plan to continue to offer this fellowship opportunity next year.

Board of Property and Management: Mike provided a written and verbal report: Live streaming is now working well; Mike got a quote from Central Lock in Mason City for \$20,000 to add automatic locks on three additional doors, tabled at this time due to cost; Mike has contacted Young Construction regarding steeple shingling, they will be to Salem soon(actual date pending) and take care of the south steeple; Midwest roofing in Mason City will be coming next week to check the flat roof over the Education wing; Monies are being donated to Salem specifically for building improvements to the East side of the Education wing where the LM Food Shelf is located, once received, the board will bring specific plans to the council.

Board of Youth: Marci provided a written and verbal report: The last day of Faith Formation was on April 28 with the kids singing and also did a flower craft project that was taken to the care center for dining table decorations; Confirmation students assembled health care kits and had a pizza party to end the year on May

8; Graduation Sunday will be on May 19 and graduation gifts will be given to Salem seniors; discussed a picnic potluck in late summer; discussed planning for confirmation in the fall and a kickoff event.

Pastoral Care Support: No funerals in the last month, 1 baptism this last month.

Pastor's Report: None

Doug moved to approve Board reports, seconded by Mike. All approved.

Old Business:

- A. Call Committee Report – Nothing new to report, still working on scheduling Bishop Jones or Steve Brackett to come for a visit/forum to update the congregation regarding our call process.
- B. Capital Project Update
 - a. South Steeple Project – See Board of Property and Management report above.
- C. Summer Feeding Program Update – still on hold for this year.

New Business:

- A. Thrivent Choice Dollars Allocation – current balance is approximately \$2500.
- B. Mission Support – We are due to share our mission support plan for 2024 with the Synod. Doug moved to continue with our Mission Support to the Synod at 10% of offerings, seconded by Laura. All approved.
- C. Doug moved to add Church Mutual Insurance Notice of Conditioned Renewal to the agenda, seconded by Mike. All approved. Notice was reviewed and changes noted. Our policy will be renewed, although the premium amount was not included in this document.
- D. New members – None.
- E. Transfers/statistical adjustments – None
- F. Next meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Salem library.

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

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal