**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 6:30 pm**

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Doug Bruhns, Laura Gardner, Sue Langerud, Dan Rice, Cindy Haugsdal attended via Zoom.

Absent: Mary Peterson, Mike Swenson

Shannon opened the meeting with prayer.

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

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

A request to support LM Chamber activities for July Jubilee was shared with council members via email on May 24 due to the need to address in a timely manner. Marci moved to donate $100 to free activities and games, consistent with 2022, seconded by Cindy. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – Anonymous donation of $100 will be deposited in the general fund; Thank you notes received from Pastor Joel and Nancy acknowledging gifts from Council and Salem members.

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

Total income for May 2023 $13,0089.17

Total Expenses for May 2023 $19,727.20 (Income less expense -$6,638.03)

Checking account balance (5/31/2023) $44,275.47

FTSB/Tuckpointing account balance $127,604.00

CD’s at FTSB (5/31/2023) Reserves $26,014.17

CD at MBT (4/30/2023) Ness Estate $52,215.45

**Financial Secretary’s report:** Laura provided a verbal and written report

2023 YTD total offerings (5/31/2023) $80,067

2022 YTD total offerings (5/31/2022) $82,961

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

**Board Reports**

**Board of Worship and Music:**  Mary provided a written report and Shannon presented the verbal report: the Board continues to manage pulpit supply as there have been some cancellations; reviewed the summer schedule including special music, readers, possible outdoor service, Cowboy Church, etc; Liturgy preparation continues; Working closely with Ruth to be sure that she is able to manage her obligations to other congregations; Communion packets continue to be prepared and distributed with bulletins to shut-ins, as individually requested.

**Board of Life & Growth:** Sue provided a written and verbal report: Songfest, featuring Nate and Mindy Sletten and family, will be held at Salem on July 8 at 3:00 pm; Floyd Thomas prints will be available for sale at this event and the proceeds and free will offering at Songfest will go to purchase a park bench in Krueger Park (next to WCTA office).

**Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry:** Dan provided a verbal report: the board is working on a new approach for a Stewardship drive.

**Board of Property and Management:** Mike provided a written report: Working on understanding the AC system and making sure all AC units are working correctly; still waiting to hear from Young Construction regarding repair or replacement of windows in the bell tower; talking to Young construction regarding options for roof in the educational unit; the Food Shelf group has installed a window air conditioner in the southeast classroom to help with temperature control.

**Board of Youth:** Marci provided a written and verbal report: Graduation gifts were given to Senior Salem members on May 21; Planning to get a smart TV mounted in the chapel and a laptop to be used for Faith Formation using funds in a dedicated youth activities account; planning a pontoon ride for the upcoming confirmation students in August; Salem member Potluck Picnic is scheduled at Oakwood Park on August 6.

**Pastor Report – None**

**Old Business:**

1. Food Shelf update – Window AC purchased and installed by Food shelf group to maintain temperature control; no date for moving back to Senior Center location yet. .
2. Call Committee Report
   1. Pastor Lanny Westphal MSP Consultation – Pastor Westphal has agreed to consult with the call committee to review and refine our Ministerial Site Profile (MSP) for a fee of $50/hour. This work will help our MSP better reflect Salem to prospective candidates. The first meeting will be on June 15. Pastor Westphal is still fulfilling his current interim call and has not made a decision regarding his next call as interim pastor as yet.
3. Pastor Joel Retirement Update
   1. Covenant signed/submitted.
   2. Certification of Completion of all obligations signed/submitted.
   3. Exit Checklist was completed by Pastor Joel which included special needs of members and other areas that he wanted to bring to our attention.
   4. Pastoral Care
      1. Nelson Funeral July 1, 2023 – Pastor Bill Peters will preside for the funeral and will be working with Margaret Oakland for the lunch following.
      2. Potential graveside service Betty Aasgaard early/mid July – details are pending.
      3. Anderson Wedding August 5, 2023 – Pastor Randy Baldwin will preside if approved by council. Dan moved to allow Pastor Randy Baldwin to officiate this wedding, seconded by Marci. All approved.
4. Capital Project Phase 2 – Steeple
   1. Special Congregational Vote/Next steps – Continue to work with Young construction to prepare to sign contract and make the initial 50% payment. No date for beginning the project established yet.

**New Business:**

1. Grinnell Mutual Insurance – Shannon continues to work with Grinnell Mutual to verify our renewal and that our loss control list has been completed.
2. Elm Tree – Shannon reported that the elm tree on the south lawn has been inspected and is dying from the inside out and will need to be taken down. Specifics for this are still being investigated.
3. Enduring Gift Fund – Shannon talked to Wayne Van Veldhuizen and asked that the EGF committee make a presentation in July to the congregation during coffee fellowship to review with members the purpose and guidelines for use of funds designated to this fund as defined by our current constitution. Also reminded Wayne/EGF that the committee is required to submit a report to Salem Council on q quarterly basis.
4. New members – None
5. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Glen and Sandy Moretz to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny, Iowa. Marci moved to accept the transfer as requested, seconded by Sue. All approved.
6. Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Salem library.

Laura 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