

Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

Present: Marcus Hall, Lester Vollan, Tim Smallbeck, Kris Ell, SuAnn Olson, Caryn Hedstrom, & Lyndsey Cleveland

The meeting was opened with prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the secretary's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: SuAnn explained that the endowment fund will be removed from the general assets, as there is a separate committee that oversees that fund. They will report on that fund on their own. The general fund was down \$11,000 for 2023 and the seminary student fund went up by \$9200 in 2023. It was moved, seconded, and carried to receive the treasurer's report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- 6 worship services (2 Advent), no funerals, 1 baptism, 6 office visits, 10 visits to homes & nursing facilities, & lots of phone calls & texts
- James Tooke was given permission to use the wheel chair from the church for as long as it is needed
- There were good crowds at both Christmas services
- Advent services had few people, but the music was enjoyed and will be used for Lent
- Pastor was very ill with Covid after Christmas so has been taking it easy for the last couple of weeks. He is on the mend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was moved, seconded & carried for Marcus Hall to remain as Chair, Lester Vollan to remain as Vice Chair, and Lyndsey Cleveland to remain as secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

Call committee update: none to report

Parking Lot: Marcus will get some estimates for bituminous overlay and chip seal to bring to the congregation in a special meeting (time/date TBD). We will look at starting a special fund with the approval of the congregation.

Front Door Repairs: Lester has the parts and is waiting for Arlan Helm to be available.

Strom Garbage Service: Will revisit later

Sunne Schedule: still a few Sundays to fill in-Marcus is checking around for people to fill in for those dates

NEW BUSINESS

Congregation meeting: Annual meeting January 28, 2024-SuAnn and Lyndsey will be gone.

"Money, Possessions, & the Eternity" class: Debbie Jans reported on this to the congregation last Sunday. The class will begin in February and will be on Wednesdays after Lenten services.

Rose & Tony Krush's wishes: Rose would like to see the money left from his estate to go towards resurfacing the parking lot.

Audit Committee Members: Marcus will contact Dave Falkenstein, Eric & Betty Schill, & Jesse & Cheryl McCormack to see if they'd be interested in serving on this committee.

Pastor Dan's Housing Allowance: It was moved, seconded, & carried to approve Pastor Dan Paulson's housing allowance at \$4400 per month.

Redwood Village: The city and school are looking at applying for a grant to remodel the Redwood Village. They have asked for a letter of support from Sunne Lutheran for the grant process. The plan includes using part of the building for the Wilton Food Pantry. There was much discussion on this, and it was decided to hold off on the letter until we can get more information.

Acolyte Robes: Lyndsey investigated pricing for new, larger acolyte robes. The price runs about \$80 per robe. Sherlynn is also checking into some prices. The council is on board with purchasing a few new robes. We will revisit this when we have more information on costs.

IPad/Tablet: The tablet at the church is having some problems with start up and with streaming Facebook Live. Lyndsey requested that we look at purchasing a new tablet for church use. It was moved, seconded, & carried to use Memorial Fund money, up to \$300 (including tax, etc.), to purchase a new tablet. Lester will ask Emma Berg to assist with this.

Western ND Synod Assembly: May 31-June 2-usually the Pastor goes and 1-2 others from the congregation are welcome to go, as well.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

CHURCH/PARSONAGE PROPERTY: NR

WILTON FOOD PANTRY: NR

STEWARDSHIP: NR

WORSHIP: NR

CEMETERY: NR

EDUCATION: NR

EVANGELISM: NR

YOUTH: Tina Tooke has agreed to be the adult leader for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. The kids are busy selling stocks and will serve breakfast at the annual meeting.

WELCA: NR

ENDOWMENT TEAM: NR

DEACONS & TELLERS

February 4: Marcus & Tim

February 11: Kris & Lester

February 18: Lyndsey & Lester

February 25: Kris & Caryn

Next meeting: February 14 after Ash Wednesday service (around 7:30) at the church

The meeting was closed with prayer.