



Moving Forward /Spirit Lead

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

DATE

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The August 2022 Messiah Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM. The Messiah Lutheran Church Council met in-person and via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Present in Person

Candy Leonard, Pastor Roucka, Charlene Salte, Dawn Haley, Doug Whitemarsh, Matt Rector, Ashley Rabe, Marcia McWilliams

Council Members Present via Zoom

Roger Kroes

Non-Voting Members

Sally Lubeno (Treasurer, non-voting)

Council Members Absent

Liz Sellers, Dan Nellessen, Barry Polhemus, Curt DeCaro

Guests

None

OPENING / WELCOME

Opening Prayer – Pastor Roucka

Good News (Round Table)

- Good news items:
- POCOS Team and the new multi-purpose room (old nursery)
- Community meal went well
- Community Garden is doing well
- Picnic and a Story - families from pre-school attended and a good time was had by all. It was well received.
- Roger and Lori met one of the new members that live behind the Kroes family. They are going to get together. He was encouraged by their interest in Messiah.

Devotions – Ashley Rabe

Ashley spoke on the book, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*. Dying churches disagree over carpet color, drapery color, etc. At Messiah, people have commented on why the shades are always closed. Shades covering windows looking into the courtyard (behind altar) can be raised. It is NOT a problem with the cameras or the media team.

Approval of Agenda – All

A motion was then made to approve the August 9, 2022, agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion to approve the current Messiah Lutheran Church Council Agenda carried.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Council Meeting - All

A motion was made to approve the July 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried to approve the prior Council meeting minutes.

EMAIL VOTES

7/26/2022: Council resolved to approve the recommendation to sell the parsonage. The information on the parsonage will be presented to the congregation at a Town Hall on 8/14/2022.

7/28/2022: Council resolved to meet at 6:00PM on 8/9/2022 at Charlene Salte's house for the August Council Meeting.

7/28/2022: Council resolved to hold a potluck for the August Council Meeting.

8/2/2022: A motion was presented to transition the Nursery to a Multipurpose Room. The motion was seconded. The motion passed on 8/3/2022.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Financial Report – Sally Lubeno

For full details, please see attached Budget Commentary report.

Summary: See Sally's report summary.

The part of Sally's report "Our Gifts - Our Ministry 2022 will now be in the bulletin.

Motions

- A motion was made to approve the July 2022 Budget Commentary report. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Parsonage Update – All

Summary: Results of email vote by council were to recommend sale of the parsonage. Meeting with the congregation will need to include Zoom link and allow people to vote that are on Zoom. We need a different method than was used in January for the annual meeting. Extra council members are needed to monitor the chat. People on zoom can vote by show of hands. People in the sanctuary will vote the same way.

MONTHLY REPORTS

PATHWAY Report– Jessica Wallwin

For full details, please see attached report. Pastor Roucka has her report. We're not sure if everyone received it from Jessica.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Roucka

For full details, please see attached report.

Recommend each council member to have a messiah email address. Candy will speak w/Mike (tech support) about setting this up.

Goals for Pastor Roucka – Ashley, Pastor Roucka, Candy

Results of meeting with Pastor Kyle.

Summary:

- Matt Rector will be liaison for Stewardship.
- Mutual Ministry is defunct. Lauren Fosbinder does not feel this is a good fit for her. Roger has stepped back. Jenny Berchtold has departed from the church. Mutual and Staff Support are not the same. They are two different ministries.
- Christian Ed needs a coordinator for everything that falls under this umbrella.
- Alex Molina ordination at Sagrado Corazon: Suggestion is to purchase or make a stole as a gift to him. Linda Polhemus is on vacation until 8/24. Possibly Judy Snow could make one.

Status of Financial Audit – Candy

Summary: Candy sent our financial information to two different companies. Cost from the one is \$10k. If we want three years, it would be \$30k. They also want the data in a different format than what it is currently. Candy attended Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville and spoke with Pastor Eric about audit sharing with them. Eric was a student pastor with Messiah for a short time several years ago. Messiah would send a team to their church and perform the audit of their records. Grace Lutheran would in turn send a team to Messiah and perform the audit of our records. There would be no cost to either church.

Outdoor Beautification Committee Fundraiser Request – Candy; pending response from V. Jordan

Summary: Vinnie Jordan made a request to fundraise for repairs of the courtyard walkway.

Motions:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept Vinnie's fundraising request.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Meeting August 14: Finance, Parsonage Sale, Constitution

Summary: Candy will use Liz's report regarding parsonage. John Wozny has said there is a neighbor that wants to buy it and is ready to make a deal. Constitution Committee has made recommendations.

POCOS Report – Ashley, Charlene, Marcia

Results of email vote to convert nursery to a multi-use room, moving quilters out of Faith Hall to multi-use room, etc.

Summary:

Motions:

Post-pone review of the POCOS plan until the next council meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Doors/Lights/AC check at Church 8/5-9/4 inclusive

Summary: Jessica is on vacation. One or more others will need to be responsible for security checks of the doors each night.

Action Items:

- Candy will send out a sign-up sheet to council members for checking that the lights are off and doors are locked.

Council Liaisons – All

Summary: Need the liaison list and council term list.

Confirmation Classes – All

Summary: Request was received to expand classes to two. One would be held on Sunday mornings and one on Wednesday evenings. Presented by letter from Sue Shepherd. This is better addressed by a Jessica and a team that represent the families. Matt R. said this issue has come up in the past where some kids cannot attend on Wednesday nights.

IT'S TIME TO ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

Problems of the Church – All

All are asked to bring their perception of conflicts and/or concerns at or about Messiah.

CLOSING PRAYER / ADJOURN

A motion was made to conclude the August 2022, Messiah Lutheran Council meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion carried at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia McWilliams

Next Meeting: September 13, 2022
Devotions: Dawn Haley