

## **Church Council Minutes – 7/22/25**

Present: Rose Arrasmith, Dave White, Pastor Nat, Ed Fulk, Sarah Seigfried, Lindsay Gustafson, Doug Houser, Cindi Zimmerman

Absent: Brenda Neville

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Cindi led devotions.

Discussed changing the date of church council meetings to the third Thursday of the month at 5:00. We'll try it next month to see if it works for everyone. Ed moved, Cindi seconded the change.

Since 3 people have conflicts on the third Thursday next month, we'll have the meeting on our "buffer" day next month, August 28.

Ed moved to approve the June minutes, Lindsay seconded.

Treasurer's report: Looked at reports from Erica and discussed utilities expenses. Lindsay mentioned "budget billing" as something to look into. Lindsay moved to approve minutes, Dave seconded.

### Pastor's report

Pastor will be gone August 17-23 for a vacation. Jonathan is out this Sunday and next week. Root beer made a little less than last year, made \$800 in cash and had Square transactions as well. The golf outing is this weekend. Last minute sign-ups should be sent to [Joe.gibson@kregtool.com](mailto:Joe.gibson@kregtool.com). VBS will be hosted by the Methodists this year. Pastor is continuing to work on getting the confirmation materials made digital for the new teachers to use. He is scanning the old materials and using OCR. Air conditioner service contact has expired. Our contract was with 72 Degrees, which was bought out by Holt, who don't do commercial contracts. We need to take this to the property team.

### Old Business:

Kitchen project – Dave Helland and subcontractors were here today, and should finalize in the next couple of weeks.

Food Pantry Project--Have someone coming Friday from ELCA World Hunger food grant.

Pastor will be emailing the updated church constitution ASAP.

No updates on 150<sup>th</sup> BLC celebration. They will be meeting in the next couple of months.

No updates on Audit committee. Sarah will email them again.

God's Work Our Hands—Pastor emailed the group today.

### New Business:

Doug talked about strategy to have committees take more initiative. Also, to have restricted funds organized and available to committees to use for projects. Erica has already started sorting memorials into different "buckets."

Cindi passed out ice cream treats.

First step: Get something to a committee and ask them to have something specific completed and report back before the next meeting. Dave will get ahold of Kelvin on the property team to talk about the HVAC and members of the committee. Doug will contact Erica about the utilities.

Cindi suggested having members of the council be official communicators with the different committees. Lindsay volunteered to come up with a formal procedure for that, which will be done by the next meeting.

Doug has a large packet of papers that is our current insurance policy, and we need to be looking into our policy because it's a large expense for the church. Is there a more cost-effective option? We currently have insurance through Church Mutual, but the synod might have other options.

Rose will be council member in service.

Finished with the Lord's Prayer.

Ed moved to adjourn, Rose seconded.

Executive council will meet on Tuesday August 26 at 5:00 over Zoom.