Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024, 6:30 pm

We exist with God’s help, to provide leadership for the Salem Lutheran Church Congregation.

MSC=The motion was seconded and carried.

* Call to Order

Members present: Pastor Amanda Kempthorne, Mark Boike, Lynn Hansen, Jason

Kempthorne, Nathan VanRisseghem, Sherri Godfrey, Sylvia Hoge, Don Hales, Tina Royer, Julie Fritz. Absent: Peter McKay

* Opening Prayer by Pastor Amanda
* Approval of Agenda: MSC
* Approval of May Minutes:
* Motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2024. MSC
* Approve Financials:
  + Motion to approve May 2024 Treasurer’s Report. MSC.
* Pastor’s Report:
* Currently focusing on: 1). VBS Preparation; 2). Worship in the community, @ Heartwood, June 30, and @ CRMC, July 7; 3). Organizing and training Home Communion Visitors; and 4). Attend the BLACF Award ceremony on July 18.
* Outreach Report:
* Mustard Seed is financially on track to meet its 2024 income goals.
* Using outreach funds to purchase a delivery truck and enhance client services software to ensure better service.
* Old Business
* Block Party – Saturday, July 20 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.
  + We have 3 Bounce Houses, and a full slate of activities for children. There will be a fee for children to participate in all the activities with a wristband identifying those paid.
  + We have purchased tents and have a trailer for the bands to perform.
  + Still looking for Corn Hole sets for tournament.
  + Toilets: The church will be open, so restrooms are available.
* Council sign up for June 30th worship in Serpent Park: Council members are needed to set up, make coffee and bring treats, assist worshippers in getting ready for the service, and helping them after the service.

* New Business:
* Memorial Committee Policy updates – A motion was made and seconded to accept updates made to the Committee Policy. MSC.
* 2nd quarter listening session topics for July – 2nd session is July 21st after the service. Topics to discuss: 1). Mortgage Clarification, Mark; 2). Financial handout of Envelope Giving; 3). A basic look at the 6 month Church’s Profit and Loss; 4). 1 year financial and operating update on the Mustard Seed; 5). Capital Campaign – a look at outstanding funds; 6). Q & A.
* Cantata viability – Discussion on if we should continue the Christmas Cantata, and if so, how do we proceed? Salem budgets $2,000 to the event, so what factors should we consider in terms of our decision? Pastor Amanda will provide interested Council members with an updated job description of Cantata Director, so we have a platform from which to proceed. The Council expressed unanimous support for the Cantata to move forward for the 2024 Christmas season.

* Committee Reports:
  + - Capital Appeal – Lynn Hansen. The committee will meet in July. The end of the campaign is November, and people can still make contributions to it.
    - Columbarium – Don Hales. The Columbarium flowers and planters look good. Will be finding someone to care for Schwanke gravesite per trust specifications. The committee is planning on holding its yearly meeting in July.
    - Facilities – Nate VanRisseghem. The committee is not sure of the Bank’s responsibility with the parking lot upkeep, so is asking the council for direction. The cracks in the parking lot have been filled. Striping the parking lot can be delayed to save money, which the council agreed upon. Also, the committee is asking for direction about lighting in the Fellowship Hall. A motion was made and seconded to switch out one side (10 bulbs) of Fellowship Hall to bright white lights, then upon active feedback and approval from the different groups solicited, the Facilities Committee has the authority to purchase and install the appropriate lights. MSC.
    - Faith Formation – Sylvia Hoge. The next meeting is scheduled for July.
    - Memorial – Peter MacKay. 4 more requests for funding have been received for Church Camp.
    - Stewardship – Lynn Hansen. The committee has the interactive display ready to illustrate to the congregation how much and when they are involved.
    - Technology – Julie Fritz. The committee is meeting to identify its purpose and identify the technology needs of the church.
    - Welcome – Tina Royer. No Report.
    - Worship and Music – Julie Fritz. Summer worship music is filled. Committee is considering sung traditional liturgy in November.

SOS Submission – No submission.

* Announcements:
  + - Executive Team meeting- July 16th at 3:00 pm. Council meeting- July 25th at 6:30 pm
    - A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00pm. MSC
    - Closed in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Royer