

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**January Church Council 01-17-23**

The following people were present:

Pastor Lloyd, Pastor Joel, Lori Mikel, Rob Judge, Rod Risch, Heidi Lund, Joyce Nelson, Ellen McCullough, Shelly Rohr

Absent: Tricia Agen, Mark Sanstead, Amy Buechler

Devotions: Rod

Church Council & President's Committee Meeting Consent Agenda

December 13th, 2022, Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 10th, 2022, President's Committee Minutes

Motion to approve by Shelly. Second by Ellen. Motion carries.

November 2022 Treasurer's Report: Rob Judge:

- A. Giving: December 2022 was \$155,805 up 46.3% from December 2021 \$106,529  
December 2022 YTD giving was \$978,974 up 7.5% from December 2021 PYTD \$910,515
  - B. Attendance: December 2022 attendance was 2,947 up 4.4% from December 2021 at 2,824  
December 2022 YTD 23,266 up 4.5% from December 2021 PYTD 22,260
  - C. Income and Expenses: Income for December 2022 was \$69,170 Expenses \$85,684
  - D. Total Operating Funds: \$133,471 Includes the Employee Retention Credit of \$109,573
  - E. Total Memorial Savings: \$56,545
  - F. Total Designated Savings: \$415,257
  - G. Total of all Dedicated Accounts: \$471,803
- Rob provided a written Treasurer's report.

Motion to accept the December 2022 Treasurer's report by Ellen. Second by Shelly. Motion carries.

Business:

1) Proposed Budget- Pastor Lloyd/ Rob/ Joyce: There was a discussion regarding the 2023 OSEL budget. There was also discussion about staff salaries for 2023.

2) Endowment Committee Proposal- Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd reported the Endowment Committee would like to come up with a project that would "lift up" the church. Pastor Lloyd said the Endowment Committee wants to challenge the congregation to donate money with a matching amount of up to \$2,000 by the Endowment Committee. The money raised would be used to offset the cost of sending kids to summer camp.

There was a motion by Ellen to allow the Endowment Committee to challenge the congregation to raise funds to send kids to camp with matching funds of up to \$2,000. Second by Shelly. Motion carries.

3) 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda- Joyce: Joyce presented the proposed agenda for the 2023 Annual Congregational meeting.

Motion made by Shelly to accept the agenda for the 2023 Congregational Meeting to be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00am. Second by Rob. Motion carries.

4) 2023 Council Retreat- Lori: Lori spoke about the 2023 Council Retreat. The date for the retreat will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. The retreat will be held at OSEL Church.

5) Youth Fundraiser- Joyce: Joyce reported that Amy Hanson sent her an email inquiring about having a new fundraiser for youth projects. The fundraiser would be a free-will donation sale to find homes for new and gently used adult and children's books. Amy would like to collect books during the month of March and host the sale on a Wednesday evening and on a Sunday. Dates brought up are Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Amy reported the youth would help organize, create signage and set up books for sale. The youth would also be present at the tables to collect the donations. Amy reported the proceeds will go to those who helped with the sale as well as to travel costs for the Mission Trip.

Motion by Rob to approve a book fundraiser to support youth by a freewill donation to support youth missions. Second by Lori. Motion carries.

6) Diane Pearson Retirement Celebration- Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd spoke about the retirement celebration for Diane Pearson. Pastor Lloyd brought up the topic of what to get for a retirement gift. Pastor Lloyd requested the Council authorize the forming of a committee to address the retirement celebration details.

Motion by Heidi to accept forming a committee to plan the celebration for Diane Pearson. Second by Ellen. Motion carries.

### Informational Updates

1) Round Tables- Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd spoke on the highlights and success of the Round Table meetings. Pastor Lloyd said there was a lot of great ideas and suggestions. He reported there were also good conversations after the Round Table meetings, which was very helpful. Pastor Lloyd said we need to continue these "organic" type of small group meetings.

2) Planting Hope- Joyce: Joyce reported that as of the end of the year (2022) \$15,000 has been sent to the Synod.

3) Music Task Force- Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel reported the first meeting of the Music Task Force will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Pastor Joel said there is a good balance of members on the Task Force.

4) Staff Review Task Force- Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd reported there are four people on the Task Force so far and is looking for a fifth member.

5) Youth Position- Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd said he had a conversation with Pastor Greg Geier from St. Phillips Lutheran Church in Hastings about staffing issues. Pastor Lloyd said he is meeting with Amy Hanson and Pastor Geier on January 18, 2023, to discuss the possibility of sharing a youth position.

### Staff Reports:

1) Building and Grounds Update-Tom Walt: Tom provided a written report to the council.

2) CYF Update-Amy Hanson: Amy provided a written report to the council.

3) Outreach Update/Community Involvement-Theresa Chatelle: Theresa provided a written report.

4) Parish Nurse Update-Sherri Lohmann: Sherri provided a written report to the council.

Pastor's Reports- Pastor Lloyd/ Pastor Joel: Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Joel provided written reports.

Prayers and Celebrations/Pastor Joel:

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:28 PM by Shelly. Second by Rob. Motion carries.

Submitted electronically on 01/31//23 by Rod Risch, Secretary