

OUR REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by B. J. in the church library.
2. Members present: B. J. Douglass, Jack Rabe, Roy Lawrenz, Jeanette Kootaka, Earl Macha, Pastor Macha, Karen Zahn, and Diane Rivard.
3. Pastor Macha started the meeting with a prayer.
4. Jack reviewed the minutes of July 11, 2023, and a Roy/Diane motion to approve passed on a voice vote.
5. Several additions were made to the agenda and are listed in item 13.
6. A Jack/Earl motion to approve the agenda with additions, passed on a voice vote.
7. Fall Projects: The watering cart and the watering done by Earl were discussed. All agreed that Earl did a wonderful job supplementing the regular watering done by members of the committee in their assigned beds. Thanks Earl. Jack has turned off all (3) of the faucets used for watering during the summer. All hoses have been disconnected and stored in the storage building.
8. Jack reviewed the two rain gardens. Both the west entry garden and the east entry garden are effectively doing what they are designed to do, prevent flooding in the area. Roy and Earl cleared the blockage in the piping which carries water from the southeast eave troughs on the building to the grass area south of the driveway behind the church. The drain will be flushed again in the spring.
9. Sam Zahn presented a report on the Raised Bed Gardens supervised by Kayla and Sam for Sunday School children to attend to. Green pole beans, spaghetti and yellow squash, zucchini, mini pumpkins, cabbage, broccoli, radishes, tomatoes, and leaf lettuce were planted. All plantings successfully produced a product to share with area food pantries, the children, and members of the congregation. Mini pumpkins were given to Sunday school students in October. Pole beans, zucchini, yellow squash, and a head of cabbage were shared with the food pantry in Oconto Falls on two occasions. Other veggies were picked and left in Fellowship Hall for church members to take. Kayla and Sam thanked Earl for his watering expertise. Sam felt that the Raised Bed Garden Project was a good Trial Run and thanked everyone who helped on the project very much.

Note: The Zahn's wish to step down from the project and the Landscape Committee will offer this opportunity to any group of individuals wishing to continue to coordinate this project for Sunday school students.

A Roy/Karen motion to send to the congregation: The Landscape Committee agrees to support the direction the congregation wishes to pursue relative to the future of the Raised Bed Garden. The motion carried on a voice vote.

10. Playground Equipment. The last activity swing on the swing set was removed by Sam and Ken Holmes for safety this winter. Ken cleaned and rubber mulched the area under the children's fort.

11. BMI Report: Karen and Earl informed us that due to weather and time constraints, the east entry concrete project will be delayed until spring. Earl reported that the committee has now received the two bids necessary for the project. The cost of the project will be in the category of \$4000.00 and will be paid for with specially donated funds.

Our Redeemer's is changing its Internet provider. The Cable will be installed before winter and will disrupt some areas we are using as planting beds. Flags on the grounds on the roadside of the church indicate the lines the cable will follow when placed in the ground. The cable will enter the church office from the outside on the east wall. Work to be completed within the next few weeks.

12. Jack reported that the East parking lot repair, sealing, and stripping was opened for bids in August 2023. Bids were sought from three companies. Contact was made with two companies. One company sent us a bid and the second company, upon contacting, said they would send us their bid within a brief time, the bid did not arrive. The company sending us a bid for the work indicated a 10 (Ten) day period to address the bid. There being no further communications with companies, Jack recommended the project be delayed until spring 2024. He will seek bids in Late January and early February. Jack/Earl moved to wait until spring to complete the repair, sealing and stripping project on the east parking lot. Motion carried on a voice vote.

13. B. J. will draft the annual report with Jack's assistance. It will be done in December.

14. The Landscape Committee Budget for 2024 will be sent to the Budget Committee before the weekend. In previous years we have requested amounts of more than \$1700.00 and were given \$1200.00. We seldom use more than \$1200.00 annually. B. J. will request \$1200.00 for 2024.

15. New members will be needed for 2024. It will be noted in the Landscape Committee Annual Report.

16. Diane indicated that she had a grass trimmer and blower she may want to donate to the church. Discussion followed with no action taken at this time.

17. Earl noted that there were several boxes of trellises and fencing in the sheds. They will be set aside for use on the grounds or donated.

18. Projects for 2024. Filling the boxes at the bases of the support posts in the prayer garden with material other than mulch was discussed. Adding a door from Fellowship Hall directly to the Prayer Garden was discussed, no actions were taken following the discussions.

19. Roy moved to adjourn and with a second by Diane the meeting adjourned at 2:15 on a voice vote. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Rabe, Secretary (Landscape Minutes 11082023.doc)