

**NOTE:** These notes are in draft form until they are reviewed and approved at the next Congregation meeting.

**Our Redeemer's Lutheran Congregation  
Quarterly Meeting Notes  
Sunday, 21 July 2024**

1. **Meeting called to order** at 10:00 AM by Council President Karen Zahn; 25 voting members were present.
2. **Opening prayer** was led by Pastor Beth Macha
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. A motion made by Earl Macha and seconded by Roy Lawrenz to approve the quarterly meeting agenda as presented; the motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Quarterly meeting 21 April 2024
  - b. Sections 9-h and 12-b were amended to include the west parking lot
  - c. Jack Rabe made a motion to accept the minutes with the amended changes and seconded by Greg Stabbe; the motion carried.
5. **Reading of the Mission Statement;** Karen Zahn read our mission statements:
  - a. Faith statement: "Living in God's grace, we walk by faith and not by sight."
  - b. Business statement: "Our mission is to support one another to be faithful in worship, witness, and outreach; committing ourselves to proclaim the Gospel."
6. **Approval of Financial Reports**
  - a. General fund
  - b. Improvement fund
  - c. Memorial fund
  - d. Blessing Basket fund
  - e. Erika Schindel made a motion to accept the financial reports without changes, pending audit, and seconded by Roy Lawrenz; the motion carried.
7. **Pastor's Report**
  - a. See attached written report
8. **President's Report**
  - a. Karen Zahn noted that to facilitate communications among members of the Congregation, results of committee meetings need to be documented in written reports and sent to the Church office and Council Secretary (Lowell Suring)

- b. People are needed to chair the Constitution/Policy Committee and the Board of Education
- c. Beverly Hicks will be resigning from her position as Financial Secretary. A member of the Congregation is needed assume this position. Maintaining confidentiality is very important for this position.

**9. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Blessing Basket**
  - i. Financial report was distributed at the meeting
- b. **Building, Maintenance, Improvement**
  - i. Please refer to the attached written report
- c. **Constitution & Policy**
  - i. Report not submitted
- d. **Decorating**
  - i. Report not submitted
- e. **Education**
  - i. Report not submitted
- f. **Evangelism & Stewardship**
  - i. The Men's Group have been planning and implementing fun activities that bring members and friends together
- g. **HVAC Subcommittee**
  - i. Report not submitted
- h. **Landscape**
  - i. The blacktop repair, sealing, and marking of the east and west parking lots have been completed
- i. **Memorial**
  - i. Financial report was distributed at the meeting
- j. **Men's Group**
  - i. Report not submitted
- k. **Women of Our Redeemer's**
  - i. Please refer to the attached written report
- l. **Worship & Music**
  - i. Report not submitted
- m. **Any other committee report**
  - i. None reported

**10. Old Business**

- a. The ratification of the revision of the constitution regarding notification of Congregational meetings was deferred to the next Congregational meeting
- b. It was proposed that the Congregation continue to purchase bulletins with colored covers instead of printing black and white bulletins (the cost is

similar). A devotional will be printed on the back cover instead of the scripture readings. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to accept the changes and seconded by Erika Schindel; the motion carried.

### **11. New Business**

- a. Security of the church buildings and grounds.
  - i. This has been discussed since the security seminar was presented by the Oconto County Sheriff. We need to move forward on implementing needed measures.
  - ii. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to establish a committee investigate and develop options for a security plan-of-action and communicate that to the Congregation. The motion was seconded by Earl Macha; the motion carried.
  - iii. A sign-up sheet was started for members interested in being on this committee

### **12. Additions to Agenda**

- a. Items were not added to the agenda

### **13. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

- a. Greg Stabbe made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Erika Schindel; the motion carried.

Respectfully written and submitted by  
Lowell Suring, Council Secretary  
25 July 2024