

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Congregation Council
Meeting Notes

9 July 2024

✓ Indicates an information item

❖ Indicates an item requiring action

Members present: Ken Holmes, Lora Houska, Pastor Beth Macha, Earl Macha, Erika Schindel, Greg Stabbe, Lowell Suring, and Karen Zahn.

Members absent: Roy Lawrenz

Guest: Nancy Macha

Agenda items:

❖ Karen Zahn convened the meeting at 6:05 PM

✓ Opening devotions/prayer

1. Devotions and prayer were led by Lowell Suring based on Micah 6:8 – Reflection was on acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.
2. August devotions/prayer will be led by Lora Houska.

❖ Agenda review and repair

1. The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting was added to the agenda.
2. Lora Houska made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Earl Macha; the motion was passed unanimously.

❖ Review, (revise), and accept meeting notes from 18 June 2024.

1. A motion was made by Ken Holmes and seconded by Earl Macha to accept the meeting notes from 18 June 2024 as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

❖ Approval of the financial reports (until audited)

1. A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Greg Stabbe to accept the financial reports of the General, Memorial, and Blessing Basket funds as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. The Improvement financial report is reviewed quarterly.
2. Monthly benevolence donations
 - Crossways Camp \$200
 - Nurses Nook \$200

✓ President's report – Karen Zahn

1. At the Quarterly Meeting in April the Congregation voted to include a definition of electronic notification into the bylaws of the constitution. A request was received this week, to put the definition into our glossary of terms by Jack Rabe. The council approved the addition to the glossary as well. The congregation will vote on the ratification of these changes at the 7/21/24 quarterly meeting.
2. We need to identify backups for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary positions.

3. Jeanne Rabas will manage the calling tree.
- ✓ Pastor's report – Pastor Beth Macha
1. See attached written report.
 2. The Congregation has a Mini iPad that Apple no longer supports and that we cannot access. Earl Macha will recycle it. It also needs to be taken off the technology inventory list.
- ❖ Committee reports
1. Blessing Basket
 - The financial report was received and accepted.
 2. Building and Improvement/HVAC Sub-committee – Report received
 - The parking lots blacktop will be sealed and painted this week.
 3. Constitution (a written report was not received)
 - The committee currently does not have a chair person.
 4. Decorating
 - The Committee is discussing acquiring a table that will be used for displays at the casket or urn during funerals.
 5. Education – (a written report was not received)
 - The committee currently does not have a chair person.
 6. Evangelism/Stewardship
 - Work will begin next week on animal cutouts for the Labor Day float. A project night will be scheduled in August to paint the cutouts.
 7. Landscape – (a written report was not received)
 8. Memorial (financial report received and accepted)
 9. Men's Group – Roy Lawrenz
 - The Men's Group is planning events for the summer (a Congregation-wide BBQ at Dick Lamberg's on 18 July, attending the car races at the Wisconsin International Raceway in Kaukauna on 25 July, attending a Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball game in Appleton).
 - Thursday morning breakfast meetings are continuing.
 10. Women of Our Redeemer's
 - The Women's Group will meet next Sunday. A report was received from the Funeral Committee regarding Jennifer Jandt's memorial service.
- ❖ Old Business
1. Update on renewal of the Certificate of Deposit (CD).

- Erika Schindel made a motion to convert the CD, upon maturity at the end of the month, to a short-term CD with the highest interest rate available at a local financial institution. The motion was seconded by Lora Houska. During discussion it was suggested to split the current CD into two so that the penalty would not be as great if we had to access the CD before maturity. Considering the paper-work involved in creating two new CDs, it was decided to keep it as one CD. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2. Lutheran disaster relief
 - A special offering from the Congregation for disaster relief within the United States will be advertised during July with donations received during August.
- 3. Security
 - We need to begin a discussion on installation of security cameras in the church building and on the church grounds. Signs will be installed. The need for a security committee will be discussed at the upcoming quarterly meeting.
- ❖ New Business (and added agenda items).
 1. Policies are needed on managing what is loaded onto the website and on maintenance and use of the computer in the church office. Existing policies need to be reviewed by committees to ensure they are up-to-date and relevant. The Constitution and Policy Committee will be asked to work with committees to accomplish these tasks.
 2. Evangelism plans for August and September.
 - A Congregation-wide BBQ will be held at Dick Lamberg's on 18 July. The Congregation is invited to attend the car races at the Wisconsin International Raceway in Kaukauna on 25 July and a Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball game in Appleton. The Congregation will also be invited to participate in creating a float for the Labor Day parade in Suring. There will also be a blessing of animals (pets) in September.
 3. Council social get-together.
 - Earl and Nancy Macha have invited Council members and their partners for an evening social get-together at their home on 8 August, starting at 4:00 PM. The menu will include potato salad and ribs. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own beverages, and lawn chairs,
 4. Added agenda items
 - Agenda for the 21 July Quarterly Meeting
 - Security system and committee
 - Bulletin covers
 - Ratification of the revision of the Constitution
- ✓ The next Council meeting is scheduled for 13 August 2024 at 6:00 PM
- ❖ Greg Stabbe moved and Erika Schindel seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. President Karen Zahn declared the meeting adjourned.

❖ The meeting ended with recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Lowell Suring
Council Secretary