

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Congregation Council
Meeting Notes

18 March 2025

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

Guests: Nancy Macha, Carol Suring

Agenda items:

- A. Karen Zahn convened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
- B. Opening devotions/prayer
 - 1. Devotions and prayer were led by Karen Zahn on Jeramiah 17: Whom to trust.
 - 2. April devotions/prayer is unassigned.
- C. Agenda review and repair. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to accept the agenda, as revised. Lora Houska seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - 1. Building use request.
 - 2. Request to use chairs and tables.
 - 3. Recognizing the Confirmation students.
- D. Review, (revise), and accept meeting notes from the Council meeting on 18 February 2025.
 - 1. A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Earl Macha to accept the notes from the Council meeting on 18 February 2025. The motion was passed unanimously.
- E. Approval of the financial reports (until audited).
 - 1. General fund
 - 2. Improvement fund
 - 3. Memorial fund
 - 4. Blessing Basket fund
 - 5. A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Ken Holmes to accept the financial reports of the General, Improvement, Memorial, and Blessing Basket funds, as presented, until audited. The motion was passed unanimously.
- F. Monthly benevolence donations
 - 1. Crossways Camp \$100
 - 2. Nurses Nook \$100
- F. President's report – Karen Zahn
 - 1. A personnel search is being conducted to fill the Financial Secretary position.

G. Pastor's report – Pastor Beth Macha.

1. A written report was provided.

H. Reports of Committees That Have Met Recently.

1. Blessing Basket.

- i. The financial report was received and accepted.

2. Building and Improvement/HVAC Sub-committee.

- i. A written report was provided.

3. Men's Group

- i. Members of the group will be working at the Danish Festival and will serve at the Mother and Daughter Banquet.

4. Memorial.

- i. The financial report was received and accepted.

I. Old Business

1. Website policy.

- i. The revised version of the policy was discussed with Carol Suring, Webmaster present.
 - ii. Item 4 of the Policy was revised as follows: *Reports or Committee minutes are to be submitted to the Spirit newsletter and the website through the Church office.*
 - iii. Erika Schindel made a motion to accept the Website Policy, as revised. Roy Lawrenz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Potential security concerns with QR codes.

- i. Information was provided to members of the Council by Lowell Suring regarding potential security concerns with QR codes. Details were provided on how phishing, malware, and data breaches may occur. This is especially important to be aware of when personal or financial information is requested through a QR code.

4. Monitoring monthly cost of printing color copies.

- i. The cost for printing color copies in January was \$115; in February it was \$93. Monitoring will continue.

J. New Business (and added agenda items).

1. Building opening and closing procedures.

- i. Tabled until next meeting.

2. Compensation for musicians.

- i. Erika Schindel made a motion to compensate musicians when a worship service is canceled. Earl Macha seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- ii. Assisting musicians will be considered for compensation on a case-by-case basis.
- 3. Building and furniture use requests.
 - i. Blazek's requested permission to use the old tables and chairs on 14 June.
 - ii. Erika Schindel requested permission to use the Fellowship Hall for a family Christmas celebration on 20 December from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
 - iii. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to grant permission to the Blazek's to use the old furniture, as requested, and to grant permission to Erika Schindel to use the Fellowship Hall, as requested. Lora Houska seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 4. There was a suggestion to post pictures in the Narthex of the Confirmands after Confirmation. The suggestion will be referred to the Decorating Committee.
- 5. The next meeting date will be Thursday, 10 April at 5:00 pm.
- 6. Roy Lawrenz moved and Greg Stabbe seconded a motion to adjourn. President Karen Zahn declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.
- L. The meeting ended with recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Lowell Suring
Council Secretary