

ATTENDANCE: K. Richter, A. Fonk, H. DeFranco, J. Schmit, L. Woller, D. Larsen, M. Hylinski, A. Schroeder, L. Zanin, Pastor K. Brown, Pastor D. Hartfield

1. **Call to order – Meeting opened at 6:32 pm**
2. **Opening Prayer/Devotion – Lisa**
3. **Approval of Council Agenda for July 20, 2023 – approved with addition of item “d” *Youth interest in church council* in old business and item “5” *Financials* + “6” *President’s Report***
4. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2023 – Meeting minutes approved.**
5. **Financials from page 16 End of Fiscal Year 2022-2023**
 - Total Receipts = **\$489,425.87**
 - Total Expenses = **\$507,760.57**
 - Loss = **\$18,334.64** (Transferred to Operating Reserve)
 - Mortgage Balance = **\$364,440.27**
6. **President’s Report**
 - Council Connection sign-up sheet circulated for member sign-up.
 - Council Member Expectations explained to new members.
 - Committees should meet monthly.
 - i Liaisons responsible for holding the chairperson accountable for agenda and meeting minutes.
 - ii This is a record and needs objective evidence.
 - iii Be clear on motions.
 - The treasurer does not need to be a member of the council-need to find a new treasurer, as Steve Hartfield does not want to continue as treasurer.
 - 150-year Anniversary of SMLC coming in 2024 (established 1874).
 - i Put this on Reconnection team.
 - Stephanie is working on putting together a booklet of the committees and their members.
 - There are 14 Caring Ministers
 - i Adam recommended having a bulletin board with pictures of the Caring ministers to get more people involved.
7. **Pastor’s Reports – Pastor Kathy & Pastor Debbie (in person or written)**
 - **Pastor Kathy**
 - i Highlight: Pastor Debbie’s Ordination

- ii Baptisms and Funerals
- iii Hospital and home visits
- iv Meetings with other pastors and share their experiences with transitions.
- v Stewardship: Enjoyed time/fellowship/conversations between committees (generates ideas).
- vi Karl Erickson here for temple talk
- vii 1 year ago, was a wedding rehearsal in Oregon.
- **Pastor Debbie**
 - i Highlight: June 17th Ordination.
 - ii Loved the chimes (gift from the church).
 - iii Pastoral Care
 - 1 Funeral planning
 - 2 Time together on the phone
 - 3 Community walk-ins have seen some repeats.
 - 4 Pastors and Nurse Sue always connecting.
 - 5 Tuesday was the Caring Minister workshop (first time). Will be doing more of these.
 - 6 Weekly text studies
 - 7 We are conference, South Conference, joint ministries.
 - 8 Communication meeting
 - 9 Community building provides a lot of referrals, safe families for children.

8. Old Business

a. MET Team -Lisa Zanin

- 1 The MET team has finalized their portion of the MSP and the draft has gone out.
- 2 Will be presented to the congregation on August 13th after service at Townhall.
- 3 Voting will be at the August 17th Council Meeting.
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b. Chapel Lounge Remodel Update -Chris Johnson

- 1 Dave Frost is the project manager and will give an update after the painting has been completed.
- 2 \$1700 has been saved by having the paneling removed before the drywaller came.
- 3 Asbestos removed.
- 4 After painting, the HVAC and ceiling will be worked on.

c. Sound/Video Technician update- Julie

- 1 2 new candidates were interviewed tonight (July 20) by Leslie and Kris. They will debrief and let Julie know their recommendation.

d. Youth to Attend Council Meeting

- 1 Brook Robinson would like to attend Council meetings.
- 2 She would be a voice not a vote.
- 3 Keith will invite Brook to the August Council Meeting.
- 4 Adam made a motion to invite Brook as ad hoc.
- 5 Dana seconded.

6 All in favor.

9. **New Business**

a. **Call Committee – Blind Selection- Pastor Kathy**

- 1 Have 8 interested individuals, 6 open positions.
- 2 Council members ranked in order of preference and Pastor Kathy tallied.
- 3 The following 6 were selected and Pastor Kathy and Keith will send out letters to the call members and notify the 2 that were not selected:
 - a Carol Schroeder
 - b Michelle Fonk
 - c Leslie Sandahl
 - d Mindy Eltoft
 - e Steve Hartfield
 - f Neil Guttormsen
- 4 Keith made a motion to accept the results.
 - a Andy, Markie seconded.
 - b All in favor.

b. **Team needed to update SMLC Constitution and By-laws (2012)**

- 1 There is a new Synod template that combines the Constitution and the By-laws into one document.
- 2 Keith to reach out to the individuals responsible for updating the documents to find out next steps.
- 3 Once the documents are updated, then a small team will be created to go through and re-read the documents.
- 4 Also Articles of Incorporation, which is what we must write to become a non-profit organization, will need to be looked at/reviewed and will need 2 votes on it.
- 5 In addition to updated Continuing Resolutions.

c. **September Council Retreat/Stewardship Retreat date**

- 1 **October 7th from 9-12pm** due to many events in September.

d. **Follow up comments from Annual Meeting**

- 1 Thank you to Julie for her service on Council and serving as President.
- 2 Julie stated that it was best to not go through the Mission and Ministry resource plan subject by subject and just an overview, because it kept questions down. Dan N handled it well.

10. **Need to Know Committee Notes**

- **If you are unable to attend the Council Meeting, please send Keith your updates prior to, so it can be shared with Council.**

Committee	Liaison	Notes
Finance	Chris	• Keith will be attending Finance meetings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will also be talking to Dan N about some items pertaining to Audit committee and other things that need to be set up from financial perspective.
Property	Keith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided on the lounge section 8b.
Education	Stephanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult education on break • 18 kids registered for VBS. • 1/3 not direct SMLC connection. • Stellar Space Theme, with the message of "Shine Jesus' Light!" • Runs 7/30-8/2 from 9am-12pm. • MS and HS youth have really stepped up again to help. • Rally Day is 9/10.
Youth	Adam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Trip is Saturday 7/22 through Wednesday 7/26 to MN. • 16 kids going from SMLC. • Yards are actively being flocked.
Worship, Music, and Arts	Patty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not met. • Will meet the second Tuesday in August (8th) to discuss Saturday night service.
Nominating	Dana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Beer joining this committee. • Alice is scheduling a meeting to discuss the process for next time, to draw in more candidates. • Dana to send Keith the 4 individuals who are joining the call committee...the terms, who is leaving etc. • He is putting together a cheat sheet that is very easy for us to know the numbers of who is on and off. • Auditing and Nominating are most important. • Audit is required by Constitution and By Laws, but the other committees are not. • Stephanie has sent Keith the committee descriptions and Keith will be adding to it.
Stewardship	Stephanie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting scheduled for September. • Booklet being addressed. • SS on deck for September Temple Talk • WMA scheduled for August

Caring Ministries	Lana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a meeting with 14 others plus Pastor Debbie. • Talked about end-of-life and caring for other people. • Meeting again in November.
Friendly Center	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not been meeting over the summer. • Will meet in August. • September 27th is the first gathering after summer.
Church in Society		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having Christmas in July event.
Audit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipping
Personnel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound and Video Tech position update provided in 8c. • Approved Youth Position-Leslie will post position, with interviews in August and position starting in September.
Information Technology	Julie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update • Pastor Debbie is learning the ropes of the office equipment.
Reconnect	Chris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update

2023-2024 Committee Liaisons

Committee	Liaison
Audit	Keith Richter
Caring Ministries	Lana Woller
Church in Society	Patricia Mason
Education	Stephanie Raszkievicz
Finance	Keith Richter
Friendly Center	Lisa Zanin
Information Technology	Adam Fonk
Nominating	Dana Larsen
Property	Chris Johnson
Personnel	Andy Schroeder
Reconnect	Hollie DeFranco
Stewardship	Stephanie Raszkievicz
Worship/Music/Arts	Markie Hylinski
Youth	Adam Fonk

11. **Council Connection, July - Lisa Zanin**

- Has had many discussions with congregation members regarding Saturday night service/new Monday night service.
- These are people who attend regularly and sporadically.
- Received the following numbers (includes sound + pastors etc.):
 - i January-May: **34** average count per Saturday night (highest 51, lowest 16)
 - ii June-present: **14** average count per Monday night
 - iii Data is questionable from last summer.
 - iv Whatever change occurs pertaining to the service times/days, the request is that the congregation gets a 2-week notice.

Need new assignments Aug 2023-July 2024

Month	Who
August 2023	Andy Schroeder
September 2023	Dana Larsen
October 2023	Patricia Mason
November 2023	Chris Johnson
December 2023	Lisa Zanin
January 2024	Markie Hylinski
February 2024	Adam Fonk
March 2024	Stephanie Raszkievicz
April 2024	Hollie DeFranco
May 2024	Lana Woller
June 2024	Keith Richter
July 2024	Keith Richter

12. **Calendar**

- Keith is looking into options with Beth for the ability to have a Master Council Calendar.
- Deadline for August Spirit, July 23, 2023
- Stewardship Calendar for August 2023 - Worship, Music, and Arts
 - i As part of the annual stewardship campaign, each committee will give a temple talk.
 - ii Let Beth know beforehand, so she can put it in the bulletin.
- Next Council Meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

i Andy Schroeder will be Council Connection.

13. Prayer Requests/Closing Prayer – Lisa Zanin

- Youth going on Mission Trip on Saturday
- Unity and connection of our church for harmony
- Dan Hartfield out of the country for 2 weeks
- Discernment in helping Worship, Music, and Arts in deciding about worship services for our church.
- Dana's mother Karen
- Andy's mother-in-law

14. Adjournment

- 9pm