

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Matt Vanni; Vice-President Terrie Porras; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Treasurer Debbie Villas; Stacy Hansen; Jeff Hines; Betty Kohrt; Chris Nelson; Jeremy Sallgren; Gail Sieglaff; Bill Taccolini Excused Absences: Jim Briar; Cindy Smith Present to Report: Patti Treptow; Judy Raygo

Call to Order: Matt called the meeting to order at 6:02.

Agenda Approval: Matt called for review and approval of the Agenda. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Chris; MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led the Council in reading and discussing Psalm 23.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2023, Council meeting. Matt noted an error in the Property Committee report, which should read that Scott Nerat, not Scott Gleisner, is working on repairing the parking lot lights. Terrie made a MOTION to approve the Minutes as corrected, SECONDED by Betty, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the Financial Reports and submitted the Minutes of the December 12, 2023, Finance Committee meeting, noting the transfer of \$6,000 in interest income from dedicated checking to general checking, rather than to the maintenance fund as in past years. Council formally acknowledged receipt of the financial reports by unanimous vote. Debbie also reviewed the Pledge Progress Report.

### **ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS**

2024 Budget Approval: Debbie reviewed the proposed 2024 Budget, noting a deficit of \$1,587, which is less than the 2023 deficit. After discussion, Bill made a MOTION to approve the presentation of the Budget to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED.

Annual Congregation Meeting: Council discussed plans for the Annual Meeting on January 28th.

### **REPORTS**

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written.

President's Report: Matt reflected on his years of service as President of Council and expressed his appreciation to Pastor Christine and the other members of Council.

Youth (Little Lutherans): Patti reported that a pajama party will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that the committee is planning a February sledding event.

Learning: (Bill) Did not meet.

Endowment: (Jeff) Did not meet.

Fellowship: (Terrie) The committee met to discuss the Fellowship budget, finalize plans for Souper Bunco and the Annual Meeting, and discuss the 2024 event calendar.

Human Resources: (Joanna) Did not meet.

Memorial: (Betty) Did not meet.

Outreach: (Patti/Joanna) Outreach members held a bake sale fundraiser, packed and delivered groceries from the food drive, Jack's gift cards, and Tree of Love gifts to 5 families at Rainbow House, delivered groceries to St. Vincent DePaul, and purchased poinsettias for shut-ins.

Policy & Procedure: (Joanna) Did not meet.

Property: (Jeremy) Did not meet.

Stewardship: (Debbie) Did not meet.

Worship: Chris reported that Worship Committee members worked with the Fellowship Committee after Services on January 7<sup>th</sup> to take down Christmas decorations.

Visitation Team: Pastor Christine reported that the team continues to visit shut-ins.

Vision Team (Faithful Innovations): (Pastor Christine) Nothing new to report.

Pastor's Report: Presented as written.

### **ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS**

Elect 2024 Executive Council Officers: Matt presented the following candidates for Council Officer positions: President, Terrie Porras; Vice-Presidents, Jim Briar and Chris Nelson; and Secretary, Joanna Magrane. Matt called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. Bill made a MOTION to approve the nominations and elect the candidates as presented, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED.

Nominating Committee Report: Debbie distributed and Council reviewed the Report of the Nominating Committee. Betty Kohrt agreed to fill an open Nominating Committee position. Bill made a MOTION to present the Report to the Congregation at the Congregational Meeting, with the addition of Betty's name, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Audit Committee: Debbie reported that the committee has completed its audit and found no instances of noncompliance. Betty made a MOTION to elect Rachel Raygo to another 3-year term on the Audit Committee, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Stacy made a MOTION to adjourn, SECONDED by Chris, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting concluded at 7:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary