

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Conference Room

OUR MISSION: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service through Jesus Christ.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Dettman at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Tom Baloun, Gary Dettman, Mark Harding, Dillon Haug, Troy Hight, Michelle Keil, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, Kari Webb, and Dawn Wood.

2. Troy Hight shared a devotion based on Acts 4: 1-12. As the apostles Peter and John preached that Jesus had been raised from the dead, Jewish leaders and elders approached and had the apostles arrested and thrown in jail. However, those who had heard the message believed. The word "however" shows that even as the apostles ran into opposition and faced hardship, their message was heard and believed, which was their goal.

3. Each council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives, a "mixture of sad and glad" as described by Gary Dettman.

4. The agenda was amended to add the approval of the minutes from the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on April 14, 2019. Troy Hight moved to approve the agenda; Mark Harding seconded; motion carried.

5A. Mark Harding moved to approve the May Council Minutes; Dillon Haug seconded; motion carried.

5B. Helen Merriman moved to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Congregation; Gary Dettman seconded; motion carried.

6. Mark Harding reviewed the Treasurer's Report with council members. The report showed that offerings have improved, and since we have entered the "no snow season," a large expenditure for snow removal is no longer dragging us down. Dawn Wood moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Gary Dettman seconded; motion carried.

7. Pastor Stephan Sandness was the only member from the Ministerial Staff in attendance to report. He reported that Laura Campbell was not in attendance because she is battling a throat and voice issue. She sent her report to me in an email to include in the minutes.

Council Report – June 2019 Deacon Laura Lee Campbell

Weather and no school caused the cancellation of the May 22 Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing. It is rescheduled for Wednesday, July 24.

I officiated two weddings on Memorial Day Weekend in May: Karlie Bakke & Justin Warne at Terry Peak and Scott Nauman & Bernadette Hale at OSLC.

I appreciate leaving the hectic pace of May and moving into a different rhythm for June. It allows me to time to work with leaders as well as to do more individual visitation. I will be meeting in June with the New Member Shepherd Team to streamline the process for the dinner and contacts with new members. I will also meet in June with a task force of Faith & Care Chairpersons to work toward a more effective and efficient process.

Attending the SD Synod Assembly May 30 – June 1 was a pleasure. I enjoyed our delegates as well as reconnecting with people from around the state. The Bishop election process was interesting, and I believe that all is well!

Pastor Stephan reported that Chris Blain is in Washington, DC with about 60 students and their parents.

Pastor Stephan has been busy in the last month with the wrap-up of all the spring celebrations. He attended the Synod Assembly, where the election of a new bishop was the most important work. He

reported that he will be stepping down from serving on the Campus Ministry Board this fall. Kris Garlick will take his place. Lutheran Campus Ministry is in the process of combining the two boards to create a new board called LuMin the Hills. A new organizing document is being drafted to be ready this fall.

Pastor Stephan will be taking a vacation in July; therefore, he asked the council if that instead of meeting in July, any issues that come up can be handled through email or text messaging. Michelle Keil moved that the Church Council Meeting for July be cancelled; Tom Baloun seconded; motion carried.

8. Several committees reported the following information.

Communication – Michelle Keil reported that the committee needs to meet, and the website is up.

Mission – The mission team did not meet this month, but the next big thing will be Clothe-a-Kid.

Education – Lots of kids are going to camp this year. Miss Beth has her “Dream Team” helping her get ready for VBS.

Personnel Committee – will need to meet in August for planning purposes.

Fix It Crew – Two new members have joined the group: Duane and Connie MacDonald. Several small things have been done to keep up the maintenance of the building.

Senior Ministry has recruited a driver to chauffeur people to and from Sunday services during the summer. More drivers will be needed this fall. A Senior Ministry party will be held Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 to 5:30. Food and games are part of the fun. They are planning for 75 people. The fall trip will possibly be to the Fort Meade Museum.

Stewardship is not only about money. Volunteering to do things for OSLC is part of our stewardship for the church. Ken and Sheila Kinghorn worked to clean-up the landscaping around the church property as an act of stewardship.

Worship and Arts Committee – Pastor Stephan has been thinking about a way that high school students could be involved with the Arts segment, probably by studying and thinking about one special day such as Pentecost. The students would probably like to create some sort of liturgical art for our worship space. They might enjoy sharing musically as well.

9. The bid for the Electronic Door Controller came in at \$2987.26 from Gene’s Lock Shop. This will provide a way for people (non-staff) to get into the building through the north door, without having to hand out keys. The door could be unlocked electronically using a keypad or remotely. Staff would have their own card or code to use to enter the building. Troy Hight moved that we purchase the Electronic Door Controller; Tom Baloun seconded; motion carried.

10. Kari Webb moved to adjourn the meeting; Dawn Wood seconded; motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

13. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Koppinger