

ELC Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2024

Attendees: Pastor Jenny, Sue, Tasha, Ann, LuAnn, Barb

Absent: Peter, Patti, Ashley

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Devotion: All Are Welcome Hymn

Witness:

- Homelessness event was a success
- Discussion of the documentation error in the Banner Journal
- Discussion of getting an ELC sign to use for events
 - Barb to email Tasha sign companies
- Future Outreach Projects
 - Fall: The Highground Donations
 - Run Mid-September-October
 - Deliver to The Highground the week before Veteran's Day
 - Items - Men's and Women's:
 - New Underwear
 - New Socks
 - New Full Size Toiletries
 - New/Used Winter Jackets
 - New/Used Boots
 - New/Used Hat and Gloves
 - Winter: Homelessness
 - Event: January 25, 2025
 - Looking for gently used backpacks and blankets
 - No big comforters
 - Spring 2025:
 - Animal Shelter
- Check with Betty Steele, for anything Veteran's related
- Check with Cindy Moore, for anything Kid's related
- Check with Sunday for possible service projects

Pastoral Report:

- Vacation Approval for Pastor Jenny:
 - September 10-24, 2024
 - Need Pulpit supply for September 15 and 22

- Reach out to Synod for September 15
 - Church Lay Leader for September 22
- Motion to approve vacation: Tasha
- Second: Barb
 - Passed at 6:25
- Fall worship change
 - September 1, 2024: ONE worship service in Hatfield at 10:15AM
 - LAST Hatfield service of the Summer
 - September 8, 2024: Back to ONE worship service in Black River
 - Time 9:30AM
- Motion to Approve Fall/Winter worship time: Barb
- Second: Ann
 - Passed at 6:27
- Lizzie Vacation
 - August 26-29, 2023
- Motion to Approve Lizzie's Vacation: Ann
- Second: LuAnn
 - Passed 6:29
- Office Coverage during Lizzie Vacation
 - Ask Lizzie what is the best back up for her?
 - What do we need for hours?
 - Normal Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur, in office 9:00-4:00
 - Wednesday: Work from home 9:00-4:00
 - Discussion:
 - Preprint bulletin the week before
 - Preplan Powerpoint
 - Change Hours 10:00-2:00
- Busy Summer:
 - Blessing of the Pets
 - Baptism Bash
 - Lot of Visitations
 - Lunch with Pastor
 - Funerals
 - Spaulding Family to donate to ELC
- Stewardship:
 - End of Life planning
- Upcoming Events
 - LGBTQ+ discussion August 15, 22,29
 - Wedding August 25
 - God Work Our Hands: September 8

- Blessing of the Bibles: October 13

Council President Report:

- Report Highlights, due to Peter's absence
 - Sunday Service:
 - Attendance remains strong at 150 attendees per week
 - Hatfield
 - Baptism Bash was Awesome
 - End of summer is rapidly approaching
 - Looking forward to the joint service with Calgary Lutheran and Pie Social.
 - Education:
 - Adult Study continues with Paul's leadership
 - VBS was a success
 - Thank You to all the volunteers, staff and member for their continued contributions over the summer.
- Education:
 - Birth to 3: Doing Play Dates
 - Sunday School Kick Off: September 8, 2024 AFTER Church
 - First Day of Sunday School: September 15, 2024 at 8:30 AM
 - God's Work Our Hands
 - Location: Deer Park/Swim Pool Park/Veterans Park/Chamber Office
 - September 8, AFTER CHURCH
 - Activities
 - Blessing Box
 - Helping Pack World Relief Kits
 - Kindness Rocks Painting
 - Bookmark Making
 - Card Making
 - Bounce House
 - Lunch
 - Looking into at home options
 - God's Work Our Hand's Shirts
 - Do we order extras:
 - Treasurer Consulted
 - We will be ordering 5 extra of each size.
 - Families can purchase day of event
 - VBS:
 - HUGE Success

Minutes from Last Month:

- Motion to approve minutes as written: Barb
- Second: Tasha
 - Motion Passes: 7:00

Stewardship:

- Theme: Imagine Together
- Next Meeting 8/14/2024
- Increase social media, but don't lose the personal touch.
- Start Temple Talks

Tech Team:

- Very Busy
- Need to grow this team
 - Reimbursement for Wedding and Funeral

W/ELCA

- What do they do for the Church?
 - September 11, 2024 at Noon, they will be hosting a luncheon to discuss and celebrate what they do for the church.
- Upcoming Event
 - Veteran's Brunch
 - November 10, 2024
 - Lent and Advent Soup Suppers

Youth and Family

- Report Highlights due to Ashley's absence
 - Bible Camp:
 - Day Camp was a Success
 - Hanna G: Loved Horseback Riding
 - Rilyn: Went for a second week at Sugar Creek
 - Baptism Bash
 - There were families that were normally at the Hatfield Service
 - Kids were good and enjoyed the activities
 - Would love to do again next year
 - Parents Night Out
 - 16 Parents Attended
 - Definitely doing it again next year

Treasurer's Report:

- Income
 - One payment behind to the Synod
 - No Advances Needed to Date
- Giving Envelopes
 - Should come from Stewardship Budget
 - Are these being used?
 - Do we need to continue?
 - VERY EXPENSIVE
- Publications
 - Christ in our Home and Living Lutheran
 - Should come from Outreach Budget
- Online Giving
 - Recorded in both Stewardship and Office/Tech.
- Endowment Fund
 - Access has been granted
- We are under budget
 - 5874.12 in the Green
- Motion to accept Treasurer Report: Tasha
- Second: Sue
 - Passed at 7:25

New Business:

- Vision Meeting: August 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM at ELC
 - Narrow our Scope
 - What do we want to focus on?

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 PM

Next Council Meeting: September 10, 2024 at ELC at 6:00 PM

Tasha Koresh
Secretary