

## Church Council Minutes

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

President Paul Preston called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Those present were Rob Thompson, Paul Preston, Becky Larsen, DeMaris Fritzler, Janet Deim, Joel Klocke, Sandi Holm, and Pastor Sara.

Devotions were given by Pastor Sara.

DeMaris moved to approve the Agenda for the meeting. Seconded by Becky, carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Sandi and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was given by Rob. Pastor has donated her August mileage check back to the church as her offering. Janet moved to send an additional \$400 to Trinity Lutheran Church in Spencer. Seconded by DeMaris, carried.

Pastor gave her report: Mighty Warrior Youth had 9 kids for their first meeting. Mighty Warrior Kids after school had about 15 kids for their first meeting. Both groups will be studying Parables in the Gospels. Anyone wanting to donate for the Kids after school snacks, please see Sandi. Children's church Sunday School will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> as well as Confirmation. Confirmation is set for Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Newsletter has been revamped for email.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Christian Ed. – Janet and Paul – Donuts and coffee will be served for coffee on Rally Day, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Other Rally Day Fun is planned.

Mission & Evangelism – DeMaris, Joel, & Rob – August Mission was Trinity Lutheran in Spencer, and it brought in \$727. September Mission is Moving Forward for Veterans. Mission of the Month for October will be Kossuth County CARE Team.

Property – Bill & Sandi – Trees and shrubs were trimmed, and the flower beds were cleaned out and some replanting done. Thank you to everyone who helped. We will be looking into possibly redoing the finish on the windowsills in the smaller rooms and looking for new window coverings for some of the windows.

Worship & Music – Becky & Lynette – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We have changed some wording in the Constitution and abolished the Mutual Ministry Committee. Changes are as follows: Page 6, Chapter 11, C11.01 – The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of not less than seven (7) and no more than nine (9), members of the congregation, including the officers of the congregation. {formerly it was not less than (9) members.}

Page 7, C11.05, d. The Congregation Council may not enter into any contract or financial obligation greater than ten percent (10%) of the approved budget without specific approval from the congregation. {previously it was 5% of the approved budget.}

**BYLAWS:** Section 2 – Urgent Matters - The Council and pastor shall transact urgent matters between regular meetings of the Church Council by a special in person meeting or via electronic communication. {formerly the executive Committee of the Council, consisting of the officers and pastor, shall transact emergency matters between regular meetings of the Church Council.}

Section 3 – Replaces Mutual Ministry with the Church Council.

Rob made a motion to accept the changes to the Constitution. Seconded by Becky. Carried.

Sandi moved to accept the changes to the BYLAWS. Seconded by Bill. Carried.

These changes will be voted on again by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Copies of the new Constitution will be available by the end of October. They will be found on the kiosk in the Narthex.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill moved to purchase 2 new banners for the church sanctuary. Joel seconded. Carried. Money from Memorial Fund.

We will be hosting Trunk or Treat on Halloween night in the east parking lot with supper of hotdogs, chips and water in the social hall.

SCIL will be having the Veterans Day turkey supper in our social hall on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> following the service.

Approved the request for Allyson Nelson to use the social hall for her graduation party Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The council set Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> as the day for the Sunday School Christmas Program. They also approved Christmas Eve candlelight service to start at 5:00 p.m. with no Christmas Day service.

Becky moved to establish a committee to get the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church started. Seconded by DeMaris, carried. Tentative date is Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Will have it catered. Expecting 150 – 200 people.

Average attendance for the year is 50.

The electronic newsletter has been updated.

At the present time the Mighty Warriors groups will be meeting at the old Baptist church and Open Bible Church like they did before.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectively submitted,

*Sandi Holm*, secretary