

## Church Council Minutes

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

President Paul called the meeting together at 7 p.m. Those present were Rob, Bill, Pastor Sara, DeMaris, Lynette, Janet, Joel, Sandi, and Paul.

Pastor gave Devotions.

A motion to accept the Agenda by Sandi, seconded by DeMaris. Carried.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Sandi and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Rob. Joel moved to accept the report, seconded by Bill. Carried.

Pastor reported that November had been a busy month. A newsletter has been printed and sent out. The new website is about done and will be released soon. She would like to do Installation of new and present Council members on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:** Christian Ed. – Janet. They have ordered new tee shirts for the Sunday School kids from Rustic Treasurers for Cereal Day. Cereal day will be Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need help to pack and unload cereal at both schools. Meet at 8 a.m. at church to pack up. Go to Fenton campus first to set up the domino effect. Then on to Swea City to set up and distribute their cereal. Leftover cereal and that in bags will be given to the Food Pantry in Fenton School.

Mission & Evangelism – DeMaris & Rob – Mission of the month for October was Kossuth County CARE Team. It brought in \$345. Mission for November was Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown. It brought in \$410. Mission for December is Faith Lutheran Church in Spencer for flood relief. Mission for January will be Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, MN. Mission for February will be Beacon of Hope in Ft. Dodge.

Property – Bill – He has been gathering bids for three new commercial outside steel doors for the church. We would have to get them powder coated before they were installed.

**Old Business:** Save the date notices for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were discussed. We thought they should at least be sent to past Pastors so they could respond with a letter telling us of things that they remember from their stay here. We are looking

for addresses if anyone has some. Or perhaps they could send a video of them relating interesting things.

**New Business:** Average attendance for the year is 52.

Interest money from the sale of the church was rounded up to \$6,000. Janet moved to give \$1,500 to each of the following missions. Seconded by Lynette. Carried.

Little Al Foundation, Shayla Bee Foundation, Courtney Daily's Disaster Relief Assistance for Hurricane Helene's Victims in North Carolina, and Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement USA and Shayla Bee. You can learn more about these organizations that we have chosen by reading about them on the kiosk in the narthex.

All non-financial reports need to be into Kathy by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Libby Stevens applied for our Scholarship grant of \$200. Janet moved to allow this application, seconded by Demaris. Carried.

Joel moved to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the janitors, seconded by Rob. Carried.

The council voted by phone to allow another church from town to have a funeral here. Visitation will be at Our Saviors church, and the service will be at Immanuel. The council waived the charge for the use of the social hall but would like them to pay the janitors.

Election of Officers was held for next year. DeMaris moved to leave the officers the same as last year. Seconded by Joel. Carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Holm*, secretary