

St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
 Date: May 09, 2022, 7:00 pm

Members:

Pres. Mike Kulikauskas <u>X</u>	Maxine Montgomery <u>X</u>
Vice Pres, Ilona Burd <u>X</u>	Randy Neidig Sr ____
Treas. Meghan Chervenyak ____	Jadam Smith ____
Secretary, Nicole Grove <u>X</u>	Grace Stoner ____
Pastor Matthew Best ____	Lela Ewell <u>X</u>
Tom Burson <u>X</u>	

Mission and Vision Statement:

We Respond to Christ's Love by Feeding Those Who Hunger in Body, Mind and Spirit.

- I. Call to order – Meeting was started at 7:07 pm. Pastor Matthew is absent due to long covid issues.
- II. Devotions - Mike Kulikauskas
 - a. Book Study – Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Tod Bolsinger
- III. Officers' Reports
 - a. April 2022 minutes – Tom made the motion to approve April's minutes, Lela seconded, and the motion was approved.
 - b. Treasurer – See report
 - i. Approve Monthly Bill Payments - Tom reviewed the report for us. Council needs to consider some creative financing options for our shortages. Tom made the motion to approve the monthly bill payments, Ilona seconded, and the motion was approved.
 - c. Pastor's Report – See Report
 - i. Question about Christmas 2022 which is on a Sunday- still to be resolved.
 - ii. Pastor will be on vacation from June 19 through July 10, 2022.
- IV. Prayer for Pastor Matthew – Pastor Matthew is suffering the side effects of long covid. Mike led the council in a prayer for healing and better health.
- V. Ministry Team Reports
 - a. Boy Scouts –
 - b. Communication -
 - c. Educational Ministry –
 - d. El Salvador –
 - e. Fellowship –
 - f. Finance –
 - g. Property –

- h. Reopening Task Force –
- i. Helping Ministry –
- j. Stewardship Team –
- k. Mission and Vision –
- l. Welcome Team-
- m. Worship and Music –
- n. Youth – Jenny was available to go over the report. She requires assistance with getting child background checked individuals to be first aid certified before August youth event. She also requires at least another adult male to attend during the evening sleepover parts of the week. Additional adult volunteers are needed for this event to help with food prep and transportation. – Council is considering asking the Red Cross or asking whom the local Fire Department would recommend, to host an event that could be made available to the local community to cover the first aid certification need.

VI. Unfinished / Old Business

- a. Items to be kept on the Council agenda report until further notice.
 - i. Anchor Church
 - ii. Emmaus Village –
 - iii. AMMPARO –
 - iv. Reconciling In Christ
 - v. Family Promise – Participation in a meeting on Thursday about partnering to help a homeless family in the area. Ilona volunteered to go in person Lela volunteered to attend virtually depending on her schedule.
 - vi. New Additional Camera – Tom made the motion to approve that a portable high-definition camera be purchased with long range wireless capability to be added to the current audio-visual streaming system at a cost not to exceed \$3,700 and that it be funded from the (3801) Investment Interest Fund. Mike seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

VII. New Business

- a. Mr. D Gowdy Request to metal detect on the property – After a discussion, it was decided that Mike would reach out to Mr. Gowdy to discuss his intent for the search. Some concern was raised about the historical and possible monetary value of items found on the property (including the grounds around the church, where the parsonage used to stand, and the field behind the pavilion), and who would have the right to it. It was also suggested that any disruption to the property be fixed after the search is done. Final approval will be done via email.

VIII. Communications – File sent on 5/8/2022

IX. For the Good of the Order

- X. Adjournment – Lela made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

XI. Closing Prayer- The Lord's Prayer

Minutes taken and typed up by Nicole Grove