

American Lutheran Church
Council Minutes for May 7, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Mogen. Members present were Dennis Springer, Dale Guidi, Dale Siegle, Leslie Beffert, Jane Haugen, Billie Roberts, Dana Latsch and Pastor Melissa.

Pastor Melissa asked those attending to share the signs they have seen of the resurrection at work with new hope and new life in the world. Many signs were shared. We will continue to keep watching for more signs.

Agenda

Two additions were made to the agenda.

Minutes

Leslie moved to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Dale G. seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

The financial reports for April were presented. Randy reviewed the revenues for the month of April were \$11,074.94. Year to date revenues as of April 30 were \$35,830.01 and expenditures for the month of April were \$8,128.27. Year to date expenditures as of April 30 are \$42,159.59. Net Revenues for the month of April are \$2,946.67. Year to date net revenues as of April 30 are (\$6,329.58). Leslie moved to approve the financial reports. Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Melissa reported on a grant application she is working on highlighting pastor mentorship coordinating with a mentor she has previously worked with. It is a "Reflective Leadership Grant". The application will cover all expenses providing 3 weeks with her mentor during the course of 2 years studying at Duke University and supporting each other with reflective work and more specifically studying the Book of Ruth. The Council was extremely supportive and a letter will be drafted from President Randy.

Pastor Melissa also discussed the possibility of continuing the council retreats but at this point meeting with half the council members at a time, once a week for three weeks to dig into the council members more personal connection to their faith, grounded in scripture. She will contact council members for times that may work for each of them.

Old Business:

Local Benevolence

May and June 2022 benevolence was given to Christikon. LINKS for Learning was given the benevolence for July. August benevolence went to Sleeping Giant Middle School. September went to Loaves and Fishes. October benevolence went to the Park High School Angel Fund, the November benevolence to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and the December benevolence to the Elks Christmas Food Baskets. January 2023 benevolence was given to Living Christ's Mission (MSU Campus Ministry). February benevolence was given to Counterpoint. March was given to ASPEN. April and May benevolence will go to the Livingston School's Lunch Program. June and July benevolence will be given to Christikon.

Articles for the June newsletter are due May 24th.

Building & Grounds -

Given the meeting following worship today, the vote was in favor to go ahead with the fascia, soffit, and gutters for up to \$20,000. The council will determine the final work to be done. A meeting will be called and those council members interested in the proposed work will join in the conversation to come up with the final plan.

The ALC outdoor clean-up is set for Saturday, May 20, 9am – noon.

Committee Reports -

Randy has contacted four ALC members to serve on the Audit Committee. They will work on an audit following the 2023 fiscal year.

The video of the ALC building has been done by Randy. It is on a zip drive that will be stored in the “fire safe” safe.

The Personnel Committee reported they have hired Erin Rang with Canyon Mountain Cleaning, for the custodial position at \$35 per hour. Jane has the key for her and will meet with her this coming week discussing the job and helpful information. She will be hired with a 90 day probation period.

The Constitution and Bylaws committee is finished with the document. The pastor has reviewed the document and some additional changes were made and presently we are awaiting the Synod’s contact. The committee will also look at the procedure for sharing the changes with the congregation prior to the vote on adopting the document.

The Synod Assembly will be held in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn, Friday & Saturday, June 2 & 3. ALC will be sending 2 voting members to the assembly. Randy Mogen and Dennis Springer will attend.

Jane contacted web site designer, Rachel, at M Design Group. She stated the fee for updating our website would be \$120/hour in ¼ hour increments. Leslie moved to spend up to 3 hours with the designer or up to \$360 for this work. Dennis seconded. Motion carried. Jane has spoken with Pastor Melissa and Randy, both have made suggestions on the changes or updates to be considered. The Council will also need to find a web site manager at ALC to work on the site.

New Business

A person at ALC has come forward to work on the 3 hanging planters on the F Street side of the church. There will be council members meeting Monday morning to take the baskets down and take them to another location for planting. They will be replaced in June.

The Quilters will be boxing the quilts for delivery to Belgrade and on to Lutheran World Relief Tuesday morning. Anyone interested in helping is asked to meet at the church.

Randy has received a Debit Card for the American Bank account. He will keep possession of the card and anyone needing to use it will contact him.

A carbon monoxide detector will be purchased and installed in the Kitchen/Fellowship Hall area of the lower level. Jane will take care of this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 4, 2023 following worship.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Haugen, Secretary