

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2025

Those Present: Ben Schnabel, Jim Schlotterback, Karn Matthews, Jenny Burgers, Ellen Zimmerman, Marilyn Quarberg, Micky Sonderman, Dawson Blanck, Pam Flint, Pastor Ryan, Maren Hawkins, Sheryl Rogge

Those absent: Jackie Peterson

Special guest: Sandy La Croix on behalf of the Call Committee.

Call to Order: Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

Opening Devotions: Pastor Ryan read the Passion story from Luke 24.

Approval of March Minutes: Ellen made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Jim, minutes approved as written.

Financial Update: Ben pointed out that March had 5 Sundays so it is higher than last year at this time. Year to Date we are a little over than we were last year. Pastor Lisa has not submitted her hours so those will be coming out in April. Pastor Ryan shared that things are going very well with Lisa Schlotterback as the new bookkeeper. Everything will be automated and bills paid electronically. The 2019 books have been closed by Sally and Lisa knows how to close the remaining books.

Financial Review Committee update - Dawson shared from Andy Clausen that the timeline set by the council has been met. There will be an official note from the Committee at the May meeting.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ryan submitted a written report. He met with the Endowment Committee and the money from it has been designated. New member class has been scheduled, many visitors have expressed interest in membership.

Business/Action Items:

- Sandy made a statement from the call committee that they are recommending a congregational meeting to present their recommendation of a candidate for the associate pastor position. It would be voted at the meeting then to extend a letter of call to the candidate. She presented information on the candidate. It was brought up that the call will be ¾ time and to make sure they will set boundaries to not go over her time. The candidate will work with visitation and pastoral care. She enjoys working with children and families. Dawson shared that following the second meeting with the candidate they decided she was the right one for this position. He also said that he worked with Ryan on the benefits and salary within the recommendations from the Synod guidelines. We are able to meet her requests within what we had budgeted for this position. She officially accepted the compensation offer Dawson presented to her on April 8th. Micky made a motion that the council call a special congregational meeting on Sunday May 4th

at 11:15 am based on the recommendation from the Call Committee to vote to extend a letter of call to the recommended candidate. Karn second, motion passed.

- Building Use update - Seventh Day Adventist congregation is doing fine, they are respectful. Ryan presented a letter from another congregation that is asking to rent space from Abiding Savior. They would like to use it on Sunday afternoons and use mod 2, not the sanctuary. Katie and Ryan discussed that there will be a need to have a weekend custodian or point person while the congregations are using the church. The salary will be paid by the rent charged to the congregations. The council gave Pastor Ryan the go ahead to pursue working on details with the new congregation and then he will present a recommendation to the council to vote on at the May council meeting.
- Ryan shared a list of The Endowment Grant Recipients. Dawson made a motion to approve the 2025 Endowment grant recipients and dollar amounts as listed. Micky second, motion passed.

The list of recipients, purpose of grant and amounts awarded:

- Garden of Grace – Refurbish garden beds; \$500
- ASLC Preschool – Toddler Play Area; \$2000
- Scholarship Committee – scholarships for 2025 Grads; \$1000
- CSC –Sponsor Luncheon; \$1000
- CPY – Summer Transportation; \$1500
- Growing Through Loss – A/V stipend and treats; \$91
- Shobi's Table –Operating Fund; \$1500
- Quincy House – Programming Support; \$1200
- Humble Walk – Humble Walk Fair; \$600

Prayer requests/Lord's Prayer

Adjournment: Karn Made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheryl second. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maren Hawkins
Council Secretary