

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes

Those present: Maren Hawkins, Dawson Blanck, Marilyn Quarberg, Pastor Ryan, Ellen Zimmerman, Jackie Peterson, Pastor Katie, Jim Schlotterback, Sheryl Rogge, Micky Sonderman, Karn Matthews via zoom

Those absent: Ben Schnabel, Pam Flint

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

Opening Devotions- Pastor Ryan led the devotions on Matthew 5:13; the Sermon on the Mount

Approval of June Council Meeting Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Micky second, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Update: Ben was unable to be at the meeting but submitted the written report. Ryan gave a brief update on the current finances.

Pastors & Office Manager Reports: Pastor Ryan submitted a written report. He has spent a lot of time recently preparing for the fall programming. Pastor Katie submitted a written report, she said VBS was successful. An office manager report was submitted by Katie.

"52 Churches" Review and Takeaways- Ellen Zimmerman. "52 Churches" is a book written by a retired pastor that Ellen read. The pastor and his wife visited a different church for one year. She gave a recap of the book and what ideas they gave to make churches more welcoming.

Business/Action Items:

- Dawson made a Motion to designate \$700 of rental income money every month to the Building Reserve Fund; Cheryl second, motion approved.
- Hospitality Task Force Description Review & Approval: Pastor Ryan presented a draft of the responsibilities of a Hospitality Task Force. The task force shall consist of 5-9 people appointed by the council. Micky made a motion to create a hospitality task force responsible to research and solicit current church hospitality trends outlined in the document titled Hospitality Task Force Responsibilities. Dawson second, motion approved. Cheryl made a motion to appoint the following people to be on the Hospitality Task Force: Pastor Katie, Ellen Zimmerman, Katie Brouillard, Sandy LaCroix, Tanya Cox, Amy Bridenstine, Glory Pettis, Helen Kriesel. Jim second, motion approved.
- Utility Usage Update- Jim updated the council on the utility bills and the discrepancy in the amounts used.

- A/V and equipment needs - Cheryl has a family friend that is willing to evaluate our current equipment and offer suggestions on how to improve it. Pastor Ryan will have a meeting with Dane (Cheryl's friend).
- Choir Room/Office Cleaning Update - nothing to update at this point.
- Lions service projects - possible partnership - Karn presented a list of dedicated projects that the Lions Club would like to partner with Abiding Savior. There are 3 dedicated causes by month - October - Mental Health; January - Hunger; April - Environment. It was recommended that this info be brought to the Mission Outreach Committee.

Committee Updates:

Children's Ministry - Jackie Peterson - the ministry met with Pastor Katie in July. She wanted to know what was working with Sunday School - before or after worship service. There will be a children's sermon still on Sundays during the service. There is a volunteer who will go out with the children during the worship. There will be a shift in focusing on programming on Wednesday evenings, "ASK" - Abiding Savior Kids. VBS went well with the curriculum that she used before. She was happy with the participation.

Stewardship - Jim "Rooted in Generosity" is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign.

Prayers & Lord's Prayer - Pastor Ryan led the council in closing prayer

Adjournment: Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Micky second, meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maren Hawkins
Council Secretary