

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 28th, 2025

Those present: Micky Sonderman, Pam Flint, Ben Schnabel, Pastor Ryan Brodin, Dawson Blanck, Jim Schlotterback, Ellen Zimmerman, Cheryl Rogge, Jackie Peterson, Marilyn Quarberg, Maren Hawkins

Call to Order: Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

Opening Devotions: Pastor Ryan led the devotions on Matthew 25:34-40. He shared pictures from Makungu, Tanzania and gave a recap of their trip and the water project dedication.

Approval of September Council Meeting Minutes: Ben made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; Micky second, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Update: Ben gave an update on the report as submitted by Lisa Schlotterback.

There was discussion regarding 2 new ELCA accounts created using money left to Abiding Savior by individuals. The discussion was about how to best use money that has been left to church. Do we put it into the Endowment Fund or leave it in an account where it can accrue over time? Jim made a motion to have Pastor Ryan create a draft document defining the parameters of the ASLC Janet Wilcox Fund, Cheryl second; motion approved.

We had an unprecedented expense with the AC of over \$16K. Micky made a motion that we use the building reserve fund to pay the BSI Mechanical for completed repairs upon receipt of an itemized invoice; Ellen second, motion passed. There needs to be a second person who is familiar with the controls of the system. Pastor Ryan has volunteered to be that person.

Pastors & Office Manager Reports: Written reports were submitted by Pastor Ryan, Pastor Katie and Katie Brouillard.

Business/Action Items:

- Hospitality Task Force Update - Ellen - waiting for pricing on artwork and looking for furniture to make it a welcoming space in the Narthex. The hallway and library have been painted.
- Damage done to the building - 2 doors have been damaged - top hinges pulled out. Thursday's work crew has it on their list to fix.
- Preschool Update - Ryan is waiting to hear from the preschool regarding a governance statement.
- Review of committees: Jackie said there are no children's ministry meetings happening at the moment.
- Dawson talked about the congregational survey that is happening currently. He has not received submissions electronically yet.

Closing Prayers/Lord's Prayer: Pastor Ryan led the council in closing prayers.

Adjournment: Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Micky second, meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Council Retreat will be held on November 22nd, 9-12 at church.

Respectfully submitted,
Maren Hawkins
Council Secretary