

## MINUTES

Congregational Church Council

October 14, 2024

Members present: Sari Torstenson, Jeff Reiche, Paula Gaida, Randy Neumann, Ron Kirchdoerfer, Pastor Joel, Linda Beck, Eric Neff, and Dan Bergschnieder.

Members Absent: Bob Ubbelohde, Janet Rivard, Deb Meier

The Meeting was called to order at 5:29 by Ron Kirchdoerfer.

II. Opening Prayer by Pastor Joel

III. Motion was made to approve and adopt the Agenda by Randy, seconded by Dan. Motion passed

IV. The minutes from the September 16, 2024 Council meeting were approved by Motion by Linda, seconded by Dan. Motion passed.

V. The Financial Report was distributed, discussed and approved by a Motion by Randy, seconded by Linda.

VI. Pastor Report: Report given. Pastor indicated he was approached regarding the articles he writes for the newspaper, gathering them and publishing a book. Eric made a Motion to accept the report, Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Food Shelf – Thank you received. Stone Lake Distribution Center, forwarded to Women of the Church.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Music & Worship given by Pastor and Eric.

- 1500 weekly views on various broadcasts (Daily Devotions and Services)
- Eric working on adjustments with Audio Architects
- Christmas Services: Christmas Eve 4:00 and 7:00 PM, No service Christmas Day
- Dec 15 – Children’s Christmas Program
- Epiphany: 8 weeks, bringing in candles and lighting them weekly

Children, Youth & Family Report given by Jeff.

Property given by Randy.

- Plowing agreement signed with Bennett Walport. He will be marking the parking lot.
- Culligan Water softener for parsonage.
- Many Hands Day – October 24.
- Operation Christmas Dec 20-21

No other reports given.

Randy made a Motion to accept the Committee Reports, Eric seconded. Motion passed,

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2025 Budget Planning**

- a. Deadline: Nov 11, 2024 for committee funding requests
- b. December Meeting will be preliminary approval.

**B. 2024 Staff Reviews**

- a. Personal Committee handling.

**XI: Brain Storming: 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Range Plan, Meeting scheduled for October 26 & 27 following church services. Being lead by Bob Ubbelohde**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 11, 2024 @ 5:30 PM**

**XII: Adjournment by Linda, seconded by Jeff at 5:59 PM**

Submitted by  
Sari Torstenson