

MINUTES

Congregational Church Council

December 9, 2024

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

Members Absent: Bob Ubbelohde

The Meeting was called to order at 5:27 pm by Ron Kirchdoerfer.

- II. Opening Prayer by Pastor Joel
- III. Agenda was approved as amended to include items: Old Business: 2025 Budget, New Business: Annual Meeting Date, Budget Hearings, and Synod Assembly. Motion was made to approve and adopt the Amended Agenda by Randy, seconded by Eric. Motion passed
- IV. The minutes from the November 11, 2024 Council meeting were approved by Motion by Jeff, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.
- V. The Financial Report was distributed, discussed and approved by a Motion by Randy, seconded by Dan. Motion passed
- VI. Pastor Report: Report given. November and December are very busy around church. Concerns expressed on shortage in staffing. Eric made a Motion to accept the report, seconded by Linda. Motion passed.
- VII. Hospice – Thank you received.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - Music & Worship given by Eric and Pastor
 - Epiphany – Candles to be displayed
 - Endorsed adding additional camera
 - Lent theme selected
 - Children, Youth & Family Report given by Jeff.
 - Youth Program, December 15.
 - Property: Nothing to report.
 - Stewardship Committee: report given by Jeff.

Outreach Committee: report given by Janet.

Long Range Plan: Task Force committee to schedule additional Brain Storming sessions for congregation in January.

No other reports given.

The Committee Reports were accepted by a Motion by Randy, seconded by Eric. Motion passed,

IX. OLD BUSINESS

2025 Budget – Proposed budget distributed and reviewed. Discussion followed.

X. NEW BUISNESS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for January 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM. Motion was made by Randy to accept that date. Seconded by Eric. Motion passed.

The Budget hearings will be January 15th at 4:00 pm and January 19th following church service. Back up date if needed: January 22nd at 4:00 pm. Motion was made by Jeff to accept those dates. Seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

Seeking two members to attend the Synod meeting to vote at the Assembly.

Council decided on Staff Christmas gifts. Motion was made by Eric, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

February 2, 2025 – Relay for Life: Light the Night for a Cure

XI: Comments for the good of the order: None

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 13, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

XII: Adjournment by Linda, seconded by Randy at 6:02 PM

Submitted by
Sari Torstenson