

# Congregational Church Council

## Minutes

January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Ron Kirchdoerfer.

Present- Janet Rivard, Randy Neumann, Paula Gaida, Jeff Reiche, Pastor Joel, Dan Bergschnieder, Bob Ubbelohde, Linda Beck, Ron Kirchdoerfer, Eric Neff, Deb Meier, Sari Torstenson.

Pastor gave the Opening Prayer.

Adoption of agenda. Motion made by Randy to adopt. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 9th, 2004 meeting were approved. Motion made by Linda to approve minutes, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

Financial report was presented and accepted. Motion made by Randy to approve report, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Staff getting something for Tanya (for mom). Several church ladies have volunteered to help out/run things for Tanya. Recommendation for next year after summer- seek clerical help for Oct, Nov, Dec. Try for volunteer (same person all 3 months). Pastor has 3 vacation weekends- last weekend April, First weekend of May, last weekend in July. Potential organist- someone saw ad on Chamber website. Will be having tryout last weekend of month. Motion to approve report made by Eric, seconded by Paula. Motion passed.

Correspondences were shared.

### Committee Reports

- Property- Many hands at end of month. \$380 in big refrigerator (fan). Done last Friday.
- Youth and Family- Jeff shared that Youth administrator job will be presented once job description is shared.
  - Janet asked if 4th/5th graders could get name tags. Answer was yes. Janet will get names.
- Music & Worship- Eric shared that averaging 2,000 views/week online.
  - \$18,000 to install 2 more fixed cameras.
- Outreach- Jeff shared that outreach met last week. Sorted out clothing for schools. Per Pastor, the church is the official mass triage/reunion center for the Birkie.
- Long range planning- Bob shared that there will be a planning session this Sunday. Will gauge attendance to see how many more sessions there should be.
- Stewardship- Jeff shared that will meet 1/14 after Bible study. Items for discussion: ways to improve giving online, putting out email that updates congregation on what stewardship is, holding stewardship Sunday, messaging on FBook, Stewardship theme, bulletin updates, Temple talks.

Motion to approve committee reports was made by Jeff, seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

### Old Business

- 2025 Budget
  - A little over \$2500 added since last viewing. This represents potentially paying organist.
  - Motion to present to the congregation was made by Linda, seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

- Synod Assembly
  - April 26th in Rice Lake. Haven't received names from the congregation at this time. Information will be put in the bulletin.

#### New Business

- Lent Offering
  - Start end of February. Suggestions: well project, MAF, food pantry
    - Randy made a motion to donate Lent offerings to Wells for Malawi. Eric seconded. Motion carried.
- Congregation meeting agenda
  - Ron shared agenda template from previous meetings. 10-day letter goes out tomorrow morning. Randy made a motion to accept proposed agenda, Sari seconded. Motion carried.

#### Comments for good of order

- Next meeting February 10, 2025

Motion to adjourn by Linda Beck, seconded by Sari at 6:22. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Dan Bergschnieder