

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
June 11, 2024**

Attendance: Pastor Brad Gee, Fay Barry, Jeff McCullough, Jill Schellhase, Ashley Turner, Cindy Ganem, Carl Langwell, Lynn Rigelman

Excused: Josh Thornton, Dave Zimmer, Dell Moller

Call to Order: Fay called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Pastor Brad opened the meeting with a prayer.

Devotion: Fay shared a devotion from a book called “Three Wise Women” about worry and reminding us that our heavenly father has said he will provide us what we need when we need it.

Council Minutes/Approval: These Minutes were previously sent out for review. There being no corrections or changes, Council dispensed with the reading of the May 14, 2024 Minutes. After motion by Fay Barry and second by Lynn Rigelman, motion unanimously carried to approve these Minutes.

Special Congregation Meeting Minutes/Approval: These Minutes were previously sent out for review. There being no corrections or changes, Council dispensed with the reading of the Minutes from the Special Congregation Meeting on May 19, 2024. After motion by Jill Schellhase and second by Ashley Turner, motion unanimously carried to approve these Minutes.

2023 Audit Report/Approval: This Report was previously sent out for review. It was noted this new Audit Committee did an excellent job. The approved report will be put in Connect and hard copies made available to the congregation. The Executive Committee will review the Audit Committee’s Recommendations for consideration. After motion by Carl Langwell and second by Jeff McCullough, motion unanimously carried to approve this Report.

Treasurer’s Report for May 2024: Josh previously sent this report to Council for review. Following is the pertinent information:

The Report notes May’s Gifts and Interest were less than Expenses by (\$8,594) but our YTD Gifts and Interest were more than Expenses by \$4,426. May’s Offerings were less than Budget by (\$7,220) and YTD Offering was more than prorated budget by \$3,057.

General Fund Balance was \$13,791. The total benevolence is 9% of General Fund Income to our partners.

Other Fund Balances were: Gifts & Furnishings \$81,633; Memorial Funds \$25,132; Unrestricted Savings \$78,766; Youth Savings Fund \$33,921; Non-budgeted Funds \$205,343; Capital Campaign Funds \$93,429.

Large Disbursements over \$1,000: There were three large disbursements over \$1,000 in May (other than ongoing expenses):

\$1,076.00 to Church Mutual (*Builder's Risk for Portico Project; paid from Portico Fund*)

\$41,740.26 to Elevated Integrity (*Construction Progress Payment; paid from Portico Fund*)

\$3,035.61 to Columbus Hardscapes (*Memorial Garden; paid from that fund*)

\$2,232.00 to Columbus Hardscapes (*Memorial Garden; paid from that fund*)

Monthly Bank Reconciliation: Operating Assets have been reconciled to changes in General Fund and other aggregate Fund balances (see full Report for details).

Bank Balances were: Operating Account \$256,289; Savings \$44,647; CD 0916 - \$125,926; Schwab Brokerage Account \$100,654; Endowment Cash & Investments \$252,156.

Monthly notes and comments from the Treasurer:

- Reconciliation adjustment of \$5.09 will be fixed in June.
- Transaction fees for Endowment Fund donations were paid by the “Vanco and Bank Fees” budget and need transferred back into the Endowment Savings Account.

There were no questions or corrections on the May 2024 Treasurer’s Report. After motion by Ashley Turner and second by Cindy Ganem, motion unanimously carried to approve the Report.

Pastor’s Time:

- Carpet Replacement Project. A Task Force has been put together with Roger McLoney as Chairperson, Elaine Schroeder representing the Preschool, Stacia Thornton representing Welcome and Outreach (fka Evangelism) Committee, Don Maurer as an at-large member, and Dori Holbrook as the Staff representative. They will be having their first meeting in the near future. Josh Thornton shared with the Executive Committee the idea of a “prayer labyrinth” carpeting tiles as a possibility for the HMOC.
- Pride Parade is on June 15 with over 100 Lutherans participating; Peace Lutheran has a float for the Parade.

- Basketball Hoop. There is a plan to have a basketball hoop professionally installed on the south side of the building near the fire pit. A congregation member will donate the money needed to pay for the installation.
- Preschool Insurance. No one from Church Mutual Insurance was returning calls so we are working with another insurance company and hope to receive a bid in the near future. Epiphany has always paid for this insurance.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: See Treasurer’s Report.

Congregational Life: Pride Parade on June 15; Living In Faith Together (LIFT) has put together “Friendship Days” on June 17, July 15, and August 19 which will include a devotion and conversation; the Young Adults group will have a cooking lesson with Chef William on June 21; July 3 is our annual “backyard party” celebrating the 4th of July with our neighbors.

Evangelism: Have a lot of volunteers already for the July 3 Backyard Party which will include ice cream, live music, and children’s activities.

Pre-School Board: Offers were made to 2 teaching candidates but both declined due to different reasons so the search is still on. Need a teaching assistant; may consider the current “floater” for that position. Continue to get children signed up for the 2-, 3- and 5-day slots; the 4-day class is full. Looking at some reconfiguration between the HMOC and the Quad rooms. Will continue to use guest readers for next year’s classes as that was a big hit.

Property: Library was repainted. Water flow backup problem has been fixed. Continuing with LED light conversions. New columbarium is installed. Sidewalk has been cleared for people to use the front entrance again. Portico construction will start again next week.

Social Services: Nothing to report.

Youth: Rise & Shine is done for the summer. On June 2, recognized 20 people who were part of the Teaching Team and about 15 high school and college graduates; had over 100 people attend the recognition brunch (youth made all the waffles). VBS is going on this week with 72 participants and 74 volunteers; the offerings received will be used to purchase items for homeless kits. The national Youth Gathering is coming up on July 15-21 with 8 of our youths signed up to attend. The July 15-19 Day Camp has 9 signed up so far (30 spots total); 1 counselor still needs housing; looking for help with lunches for the 3 counselors.

Other/New Business: Nothing to discuss.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00p. Cindy Ganem will have the devotion.

Adjournment: Fay led Council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ganem

Cindy Ganem, Secretary