

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Ed Ruble, Bill Duggan, Sue Eifler, Kathy Fotheringham, Gary Goodykoontz, Barb Heffner, Linn Kracht, Dave Marquette, Glenn Noffsinger, Rebekah Seng and Nancy Wozniak.

Not Present: Harold Bruns and Jan Ludwig.

Barb Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was held via Zoom. It was determined that a quorum was established.

Pastor Ruble led the opening prayer.

It should be noted that unless otherwise indicated, Pastor Ruble abstained from voting on matters.

Approval of the Agenda as Amended: It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Nancy Wozniak to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Devotions:

Nancy Wozniak provided the devotions from Holy Moments—the world is a mess; only Holy moments will get us out.

Devotion for July —Linn Kracht.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the May 13, 2024, Church Council Meeting Minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports (Subject to Audit):

Finance Committee Meeting Review. Minutes were provided for Council review prior to the meeting.

May 2024 Budget Activity Report. It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported by Nancy Wozniak to approve the May 2024 Budget Activity Report. Linn Kracht asked where kitchen supplies are budgeted. It was determined they are not budgeted per se. It was suggested that we add a line-item to the next budget for hospitality to cover kitchen supplies. Also, Gary suggested that committees should start looking at their budgets in August when they are meeting as budget requests will be submitted in September. Motion approved unanimously.

May 2024 Fund Balance Report. It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported by Sue Eifler to approve the May 2024 Fund Balance Report. Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Ed Ruble provided a report and oral supplements. Pastor Kjersten's last day is Friday, so Pastor will start providing support on Saturday during her maternity leave. This will include

emergency pastoral care unless when on vacation, then Pastor Cheri will provide care. There will be two joint services—one on June 23, 2024, at Trinity and one on July 28, 2024, at St. Peter. Signs will be put up to get the word out that we will be meeting at Trinity on 6/23. Committee members should also announce at their meetings. Linn will add it to the sign after this upcoming Sunday. Theology on Tap is a Bible study in a bar and Pastor hopes to hold one in August. He has been meeting Joe Shaffer and Lauren Hernandez who are interested in being baptized. Pastor thinks it would be good to add them as members at the same time. Lauren has a daughter who splits time between here and Montcalm County. She may be baptized at some point when she is here.

It was motioned by Linn Kracht, supported by Bill Duggan to accept the June 2024 Pastor's Report with May Highlights. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Pete's Pantry Task Group. Nancy Wozniak said we did not serve the last person until 5:00 p.m. There is a concern that people may be joining the line after the cut-off time. Sue Towell is looking for a second shift worker. These issues will be addressed by the committee.
2. Where are they now? Our current online giving contract ends in July. We will be transitioning to Servant Keeper and member information can be updated at that time.
3. Update Constitution/By-Laws. Barb Heffner sent out an email to those who are interested in participating. Pastor Ed, Gary Goodykoontz, Linn Kracht, Barb Heffner, and Bill Duggan will stay on the Zoom call after council meeting to pick a date to meet.
4. Progress/Funding for Parking Lot Lights. Dave Marquette reported that he is waiting on Motor Shop electric to get a quote on the double-headed light.
5. Pest Control Update. Dave Marquette reported that the hole is plugged. No alarms were set off because of bat activity. Also, there are no reports of bat droppings on the altar. Dave likes the idea of keeping a pest log.
6. Office Administration Transition Update. Barb Marquette was on vacation. There is no update. However, Pastor Ed will start talking with Barb tomorrow. Pastor is not the hiring person, and it is not a decision he should make. He is leaning into Council for this. This is a task for the Executive Committee and the Council. Pastor has a job description which he will provide to Barb Heffner.
7. Heimlich Maneuver Device & Narcan. Bill Duggan got two Narcan kits and is waiting on training. Pastor is meeting with Dan Lok, the Boy Scout leader, and will talk with him about recommendations on the anti-choking device. We have a gap as to who is in charge of maintaining first aid kits. They were obtained but never maintained and are missing items. We can approach nurses Sharon Struble and Karen Lukowski to see if they may be willing to be in charge of first aid kits. It can go into the bulletin too to see if anyone else may be interested. We are looking for volunteers.

New Business:

1. Approval of New Members. It was motioned by Kathy Fotheringham, supported by Dave Marquette to approve the following candidates/persons as full members of St. Peter Lutheran Church upon baptism: Joe Shaffer and Lauren Hernandez.

They will be baptized and become members simultaneously. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Donation towards the Youth Gathering Service Project. It was motioned by Nancy Wozniak, supported by Glenn Noffsinger that the \$220.58 that is under Grants in the Fund Balance Report be donated towards the Youth Gathering Service Project for supplying batteries for hurricane relief packets. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Allocate Money from Undesignated Gifts to Pay for Pastor Ed's Expenses at the Youth Gathering. It was motioned by Dave Marquette, supported by Linn Kracht that funds be taken from Undesignated Gifts to pay for Pastor Ed's expenses at the Youth Gathering. Total per person cost was more than Pastor Ed anticipated. The approximate cost per person is around \$1,800. The cost of air fare is to be credited back to Pastor's Continuing Ed. It was motioned by Dave Marquette to amend the motion to allocate \$1,800 to come out of Undesignated Gifts to pay for Pastor Ed's expenses at the Youth Gathering Linn Kracht supported. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Christian Life – did not meet.
2. Finance/Stewardship – Met 6/9/24.
3. Outreach – 5/20/24.
4. Worship & Music – did not meet.
5. Property – Met 5/21/2024.

It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Bill Duggan to accept the Committee Reports. Pastor Ed is meeting with the Boy Scout Troop and will get a better idea of how much stuff the Boy Scouts will be bringing to St. Peter. Dave Marquette reported they have two trailers full of items plus a room about the size of the nursery at Chapel Hill. We have a shed, but it contains items belonging to the Cub Scouts and there is not a lot of storage space in there. The Boy Scouts may need to get some temporary storage space. Motion approved unanimously.

It was moved by Linn Kracht, supported by Dave Marquette to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on July 8, 2024, as a Zoom meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Church Council Member,
Sue Eifler