**Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 6:30 pm**

President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members present: Drake Abbey, Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Sondra Nelson, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal.

Absent: Mary Peterson, Al Skellenger

Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

**Secretary’s Report:** May Minutes were available for review. There were no additions or corrections.

Drake moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Marci. All approved.

Communication and correspondence – Shared a letter from the NEIA Synod acknowledging and thanking Salem for our giving this year and shared examples of where giving is being used; A note of thanks and a certificate from LMCS Central Rivers AEA for providing a student work experience during the 2021-2022 school year.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Drake provided a written and verbal report.

Total income for May 2022 $26,596.93

Total Expenses for May 2022 $21,101.10 (Income less expense $5,495.83)

Utilities are increased by $8500 over last year

Checking account balance (5/31/2022) $41,521.42

CD’s at FTSB (5/31/2022) Reserves $26,014.17/Ness Estate $10,614.41

CD at MBT (5/31/2022) Ness Estate $52,215.45

**Financial Secretary’s report:** Sondra provided a written and verbal report

2022 YTD total offerings (5/31/2022) $82,961

2020 YTD total offerings (5/31/2021) $92,285

Sue moved to accept Treasurer and Financial reports, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

**Board Reports**

**Board of Worship and Music:**  Mary was absent. Shannon shared issues discussed at the meeting including returning to passing the offering plate; getting students more involved in services; needing more member assistance with serving communion, ushering; the ending of Saturday service details.

**Board of Life & Growth:** Sue provided a written and verbal report: Finalizing plans for the July 9 Song Fest; working on a new church directory in the fall; new and renewing membership planned for August 14 and 21 after services/fellowship; Quilt Sunday will be in the fall in collaboration with God’s work Our hands Sunday; WELCA has funds that they would like to put toward new window coverings in the fellowship hall.

**Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry:** Al was absent. The committee is scheduled to meet next week and continues to work on a plan for stewardship drive.

**Board of Property and Management:** Shannon provided a written and verbal report. Items discussed by the committee included: Storage for summer feeding program; Dishwasher repair being addressed; further discussion on paving the south boulevard with clarification that Turf Trimmers Plus would provide labor and materials would be compensated.

**Board of Youth:** Jen and Marci provided a written report. Marci led discussion of items in the report that included: Working on staging for VBS and will provide and serve ice cream for the social after the VBS closing program.

**Pastor Report – Complete Pastor reports are available for review in the church office.**

**Lead Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Joel shared a written report that included Pastoral acts in April and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

* Vacation – Pastor will on vacation June 20-26 and July 18-August 2. Pastor Steve Smith providing pulpit supply on 6/26/2022.
* Stewardship Program – Reviewed the online stewardship program, Creating a culture of Generosity.
* New and Renewing Membership – Shared success of the initial class participation and plans for another class in August.
* Prayers Around the Cross – Pastor has ordered music, liturgy, and audio CD for this prayer service.
* Confirmation Planning – Feedback from the 7th graders was that they preferred classes on Sunday instead of Wednesday. Pastor is reviewing and revising the workbooks and will continue to have students participate in worship services year-round.

Drake moved to approve Board/Pastor reports, seconded by Sondra. All approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Constitution (Continued)
   1. Review ELCA Model Constitution and Guidelines – Continue to encourage council members to be reviewing the model constitution – work continues. Shannon is reviewing other ELCA church constitutions/bylaws.

**New Business:**

1. Donation ($3000)
   1. Was deposited in general fund and Pastor is sending a letter of acknowledgement/thanks.
2. Develop ‘Member Connection’ program ideas/discussion to reach out to members affected by ending Saturday evening services, as well as other outreach to members.
   1. Assist members with Live Streaming/YouTube access?
   2. Ride Share to worship Sunday morning?
   3. Saturday Pastor visits?
3. God’s Work/Our Hands – September 11, 2022
4. Bishop Kevin Jones upcoming visit tomorrow morning.
5. New members – None.
6. Transfers/statistical adjustments – Sharon Hoffman; Sheila, Robert, and Bennett Berger. Sue moved to accept these statistical adjustments to our member list, seconded by Marci. All approved.
7. Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Sondra moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Marci. All approved. The meeting was adjourned.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal