

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Attending:

Tony Baumgardt, John Mantey, Dawn Jacobson, P. Ryan Gerlach, Rachel Petrach, Stacey Robe, Chris Mohalley, and Jon Wint. P. John was able to join the meeting for the last hour.

Opening Prayer:

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm with prayer led by P. Ryan.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Prior meeting minutes were reviewed. Dawn motioned for approval and Jon seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Pastor/Executive Reports:

Pastor's Report (P. John): All received his pastor report. John asked for all to consider December 29th for the Council/Staff annual party. More information will be coming. Tony suggested a few places to consider for the party location.

Pastor's Report (P. Ryan): Will be here on Dec 3rd – Dec 10th. Then returning on Dec. 19th with his family – permanently! They have purchased a home in Mt Pleasant and are excited to complete the moving process. P. Ryan has been working on the updated website and is nearly done.

President's Report (Tony): Congregation annual meeting will be on January 26th. As a reminder: the next Council meetings will be December 16th and January 20th.

Treasurer's Report (Dawn) which included Stewardship/pledge update: Dawn reviewed the preliminary October YTD information as well as the preliminary 2025 budget (including a high level look at pledging). More work is needed to get pledging estimates firm and all open questions on budget will be followed up with an email to Council. Process will be that the Finance Committee is reviewing will prepare a recommendation for the final 2025 budget and how the "overage" for 2024 could be allocated. This will need to be discussed and approved at the December 16th meeting. In the meantime, all Council members should review the preliminary budget and provide thoughts/proposed changes to Dawn. The technology team meet and will come to the December 16th Council meeting to present their 2025 budget.

Visioning Priority Committee Reports:

Building usage (Jon/Chris): Roof inspection was completed with no additional issues. Cost was around \$1,200. Glass Repair was also completed and Glenn fixed the leaking sink and the TV's were all mounted. The boiler Inspection/tune up identified a valve that needed replacement and this valve issue is what has been causing extra heat in the Sunday school rooms. The valve will be fixed in a week or two. John M asked about the boiler replacement needs and Chris (our boiler expert) explained that the boilers do not need replacement at this time.

Youth (Rachel): Rachel reminded all that she is rolling off Council and the recommendation for the Congregation meeting is that Connie Gardner would take the lead of Youth (and therefore become the Council member). Upcoming events:

Dec 22nd will be the Children's Christmas program and the cookie walk.

Chili cook-off is being planned – date to be announced soon.

Feb 9th will be the Super Bowl of Caring

Worship (Stacey/P. John): Advent services will be on Wednesday as in the past. There will be a soup lunch for the noon service and snacks (no meal) for the evening service.

Fellowship/Relationships and Engage Everyone: no reports at this time.

Old Business:

Reconciling Team (Rachel): Rachel has joined the Reconciling Committee (previously called Reconciling in Christ). P. Ryan led a very good class on the scriptures that cause most concern for the LBGQT+ community as it relates to religion. The class was well attended. The Reconciling team is working on a welcoming statement (an update from the previously presented statement). They are working on preparing for congregational approval to becoming a Reconciling in Christ member of the ELCA. Discussion on timing for the needed approval was to be brought back to the team. Since then, Rachel has updated the Council that the team is looking at a special meeting for this topic on Sunday, May 4th, 2025.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

Closing Prayer:

Closing prayer was led by P. John.

Stacey motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectively submitted,

Dawn Jacobson

Treasurer, Congregational Council

Next Meeting: December 16, 2024 – 6 pm