

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Attendance:

Attending: P. John Anderson, Kristin Fritz, Connie Gardner, P. Ryan Gerlach, Glen Hanson, Dawn Jacobson, Chris Mohalley, and Jon Wint.

Absent: Neil Honsberger, Stacey Robe, and Jeff Wunderle

Guests: Andy Anderson and Heather Keszler

Opening Prayer: The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with prayer led by P. John

Introductions: All attendees introduced themselves for guests and new council member

Reconciling Team: Heather and Andy presented the Reconciling Team plan for the next 6 months.

This included:

- Requirements from be recognized as a Reconciling in Christ Partner with the ELCA
- The team's proposed welcoming statement. Once approved by the congregation, this will be included on our website and in the Cross
- Timeline of events planned: NOTE: they encouraged and appreciate any Council members and congregation members to attend these events (including their team meetings).
 - March 4: Reconciling Team meeting
 - March 9: Welcome Statement released
 - March 16: Reconciling 101
 - March 23: Release survey about Welcoming Statement
 - April 1: Reconciling Team meeting
 - April 6: Reconciling 201
 - May 4: Congregation Meeting for vote
- All above events will be planned and led by the Reconciling Team. The exception is the Congregation meeting. As with all Congregation meetings, Council needs to call the Congregation meeting (announcing 2-3 weeks prior to the meeting date), introduce the presenter, call the vote, count the vote, announce the results of the vote, and take meeting minutes of the meeting.
- After an open discussion with all questions addressed, Kristin explained that the guest did a great job in presenting a clear plan and answering the Council questions. Council would discuss next steps and Kristin would get back to the Heather and Andy via email within the next week.
- Heather and Andy left the meeting and Council completed the discussion agreeing to move forward with the plan but with a few asks to provide Council before moving forward. Kristin will address all this in the email:
 - Use of technology and include some background/history
 - Updated copy of welcome statement
 - Copy of the survey
 - Dates and times for Reconciling 101 and 201

Prior Meeting Minutes: Prior meeting minutes were reviewed. **MOTION:** Chris motioned for approval and Jon seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Pastor/Executive Reports:

Pastor's Report (P. John/P. Ryan): See each of their reports send separately to Council. Both pastors have been very busy and appreciate the new "Pastor time" to help with focus for themselves as well as the participant. Ryan suggested the possibility of using Microsoft co-pilot for note taking. We will test this at the next council meeting.

President's Report (Kristin): nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report (Dawn):

- The January financial overview had been sent out prior to the Council meeting. There were no questions.
- The annual internal audit was performed and approved with no issues.
- The Finance Committee has started documentation of a few key processes that Cheryl does and will continue to work through these throughout the year.

Visioning Priority Committee Reports: Teams report as needed for motions or provide plans, etc.

Building and Grounds (Chris for Jon):

- Chris presented an update on the Boiler. Since the approval of the additional \$5,000 in January (total of \$10,000 approved), an additional issue was uncovered. Total estimate is now \$11,912.77. **MOTION:** Dawn motioned to approve up to an additional \$5,000 from the Dedicated Facilities Maintenance fund to cover the expected additional invoices for the particular boiler issues identified. Chris seconded and motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Technology Team (P. Ryan):

- The team has selected the required items needed for the technology studio. The remaining in the budget to spend on this is \$1,483 and they have identified \$1,054 needed at this time (for 3 chairs, a few small tables, lighting, and window darkening shades). **MOTION:** Dawn motion to approve the \$1,054 spending for these identified items. Chris seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Chris mentioned that that room is does not have air conditioning making the summer months often requiring windows to be opened which could cause difficult with noises during filming, etc. He suggested a "split" could be around \$3k-\$5k to fix the cooling of the room. Team will test out this summer without the air conditioning and determine if a fix would be needed given the cost.

New Business: None

Closing Prayer: Closing prayer was led by P. Ryan.

Adjourn meeting: MOTION: Kristin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectively submitted,

Dawn Jacobson

Treasurer, Congregational Council

Next Meeting: March 17, 2025 – 6 pm