

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Council Agenda
November 16, 2023
6:30 pm

Call to Order: President Mike 6:29

Additions to the agenda: Art suggestion annual mtg date

Devotions: Prayer Pastor Lisa

Approval of Minutes: Cherie moves, Sarah seconds, carried

Treasurer's Report: Treas. Art announced that the Bryce & Maxine Hill Trust had bequeathed a gift to the Church of the Cross to be administered by the Church Council. The Hills were faithful members of the Church. Bryce had served on the Church Council for a number of years. Vanco electronic payments have increased, as well as Sunday offerings last two Sundays. Decision about Bryce Hill gift tabled. Art will put into Savings acct. Cherie moves to approve, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Pastor Lisa mentions Janice Keeble visit/Mission Investment Fund representative-this money from loans goes to congregation for renovations and such. Rates are similar to Bravera but does not have 6 month. Term investment is similar to CD we have now. We should look into investing church money with this? MIF is not FDIC certified but they have massive assets.

Pastor's Report

COVID interruptions

Confirmation banquet

Trunk or treat was fun indoors

All Saints with guest preacher

Breakfast

1st communion

3 baptisms on All Saints all sisters

Confirmation classes-ministry on the margins

ELCA church council in Chicago-Elizabeth-tired bishop asking for leave of absence.

Bishop Micheal stepped in.

Vicky Moser funeral

Tech study

Deans mtg

Advent plans/Christmas

Committee Reports:

Cherie- Advent a.m. service and Christmas Eve pm and late service
Communion at all services

Old Business

- Call Committee – open position status-haven't heard anything new
- Constitution Amendment notification (30 days advance notice) once we know annual mtg date
- Schedule Staff Performance Evaluations – Personnel Committee end of November or early December (President, Vice-President, Congregational Operations Liaison, and Pastor – Paragraph 3.1.7 of the Policy Manual)
- Handicapped bathroom doors-\$5400 was lowest bid-designated \$6K for that from Dahl family. C&H glass also offers wireless. Schedule? Scot will contact. Cost will be plus electric with Seifert. Make sure John Kraft is here. Cherie motions to approve, Jessi seconds, carried.
- Camp of the Cross Breakfast – December 3, 2023: Sausage pick up Nov 30 by Pres. Mike. Card \$250. Mike will cover the rest + Jensens.
- Church Security-Connie was told that she could lock her own door. Not welcoming to have church doors locked. Sweet Adelines were upset by locked doors. They need to let someone at the church know if/when they're coming. Mike will call Connie tomorrow.

New Business

- LaVern Hanson requests to appear before Church council to give a statement: gave history of his help with church choir and river team since coming to church in 1979 when he suggested adding speakers. Pastor Lisa thanks LaVern for coming in and suggests a Sunday that we can honor him and Terry for all their years of help.
- Pastor Assistance: until we get another deacon or pastor we should, at least once per month, have a guest pastor for Pastor Lisa to focus on other things. Per Sarah, do we want a non-rostered person? Especially for youth program.
- Sunday school program/kids program. Pastor Gretchen had suggestion of 'no rehearsal' Christmas program. December 17th.
- 2024 Budget Finalization: version 4-column 2 and 3= expenses through Monday of this week. Long discussion about budget details.

- Discussion about ICON and church directory and individual codes for giving statements
- Questionnaire
- Annual church mtg will be conducted Jan 21st.

Motion to Adjourn: Cherie, and Jessi 2nd, Adjourned 9:03pm.