

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

January 9, 2024

Attendance (“P” = present)

Sally Avenson - Absent Kay Brossard - P Jamie Estill - P Greg John – P Diane Machatka - P	Linda Mihalov - P Ralph Minor - Absent Jim Musar - P Jill Richmond - P Theo Roe - P	Mark Strom – Absent <i>Ex officio:</i> Shannyn Fuerst - P Wally Powelson - P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Jamie Estill @ 7:03 PM
Devotional	Shannyn led our conversation.
Approval of Minutes	December 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.
Finance Committee and Financial Report	<p>Wally reported that 2023 ended well into the black.</p> <p>The Finance Committee is agreeable to changing our fiscal year to July-June.</p> <p>Finance Committee notes that there are some restricted funds carrying balances to pay for expenses we no longer have. Council approved giving the \$2,107 balance in the Winter Shelter fund to Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness.</p> <p>The \$11,529 in the van fund will need a new target use, still to be determined.</p>
Council Retreat	<p>This year’s council retreat will focus on revising the constitution. Among issues to be addressed are a change of fiscal year from January-to-December to July-to-June; remote voting at congregational meetings using current technologies, and committee structure. We will prepare to present a revised constitution for a vote at the December 2024 congregational meeting.</p> <p>The retreat date is set for Sunday March 3, starting with 11:30 lunch and a work session beginning at noon.</p>
Pastor’s Report	The first quarterly staff evaluations are scheduled for late January. Amy Barone will represent the personnel committee and Diane Machatka will represent the council executive committee in these meetings, in which Pastor will also participate.
Annual spring meeting	Council scheduled the spring meeting to vote in new council members for April 21, 2024. New council members will begin their term at the end of the May 2024 meeting.
Prayer/Adjourn	Adjourned at 7:45 pm with prayer led by Shannyn.

Submitted by Diane Machatka, secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule

- Executive Committee Meetings (1st Tuesday of the month) –Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7
- Council Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month) – Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14
- spring congregational meeting – April 21

Caring Conversation Schedule

- February - Sally Avenson
- March - Kay Brossard
- April - Jamie Estill
- May – Diane Machatka