

Hope Lutheran Council – April 15, 2024

Call to Order - 5:05pm by Council President Lanae McClellan

Present: Lanae McClellan, Erik Aamlid, Pastor Matt Cordes, Hope Mack, Sarah Gavert, Kathy Mattson, Ben Kalow, Paul Gaukstad, Molly Warmka & Angie Newton.

Devotion: Sarah Gavert; Trust me, be not afraid – the challenge of accepting change.

Agenda: Approved as written.

March 20, 2024 Minutes: Approved as written, with minor attendance change.

Shared Ministry: Oral report by Sarah Gavert. Written report provided.

Approximately \$7,000 was made in the silent auction.

Aliyah Kutcher will become a new member, as well as Dennis Olstad – both missing paperwork.

Some members are returning.

Financial Reports: Written report presented by Paul Gaukstad and approved.

March was a stellar month because of the silent auction.

Budget is below actual expenses; electric had to be adjusted.

\$10,000 was paid on the parking lot for principal reduction.

General oral update for the congregation will continue quarterly; next update June 9, 2024.

Deacons: Written report provided and approved, presented by Kathy Mattson.

Lenten meal discussion continues; suggestion to provide protein (ham & turkey) and use available bread.

More to come on the Outreach Committee; there will a marketing committee that includes Pastor Matt, Ben Kalow, Molly Warmka, with others to be added.

B.O.Y.E.M: Oral report by Hope Mack. Written report provided.

VBS increased by \$5

5/5 KOK ends and will sing during service.

H2H ends 5/8

Changes to Confirmation: Purchased stoles for confirmation. Instead of the retreat, the 9th graders will meet 4 times to talk through faith statements. Confirmands will not need to present at church, instead Pastor Matt will weave them into the sermon.

Mission Trip:

2024 – local service project.

2025 – mix of adventure and service, perhaps BWBC or Canada.

2026 – week long adventure and service, perhaps international. Fundraising / teambuilding will need to begin in the Fall of 2025.

2027 – eventually have a H2H trip to qualify for the high school trip.

Summer events will include a service and picnic at Lagoon Park, an outdoor movie, and possibly arranging for a bus to the Twins game.

Life Group attendance is going well.

Golden Fellowship begins 4/17.

4/28 – volunteers will be celebrated at the service.

Trustees: Oral report by Ben Kalow. No written report provided.

Silent auction bought 3.5 – 4 trees for the boulevard.

The extra drum set has been claimed by John Tieben.

Front entrance committee has added Lindsey Lenzen and Roger Anderson; Kelly will set up a meeting.

Some changes were discussed regarding handicap pew access.

Brad and Kelly will meet with the cleaner to address quality concerns.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matt Cordes

Easter service went well; 2025 there will only be one service.

2 – 3 candidates are going through the interview process; next steps will be a second interview with the Council if merited.

Keeping the Promise is going well: 1st graders led the Lord's Prayer, 2nd & 3rd graders received their Bible, 4th graders are learning Apostle's Creed.

Many Pastoral Care visits have been made.

Having kids involved in the worship service is GREAT.

Council Book Club – *The Better Pastor*

There will be a camp music style summer service in the parking lot / picnic area at 10:30am starting on Memorial Day Weekend; bring your own chair. Details to be confirmed regarding sound system, stage, and music.

Music debate has found a compromise: words will be on the screen; sheet music will be available in print. It's about 50/50 on hymnal vs screen use.

H2H is wrapping up, but the kids are curious and engaged.

Men's Group, Holy Smokes, will involve smoking meat and forging small handheld crosses. Would like to meet at least once before summer.

Old Business:

(1) Youth Director: See Pastor's Report

(2) Mission Statement: Lanae McClellan, Pastor Matt, and Molly Warmka will connect soon.

(3) AED: Molly connected with Deb Pauly to discuss going together on a request for AED funding from Suburban Emergency Associates.

New Business:

(1) Worship Committee: Easter, Summer, Music – updates shared throughout meeting.

(2) Attendance 2023 – 2024; a positive trajectory

Adjourned at 6:30pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Molly Warmka

Next meeting: May 20, 2024 at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall