



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. President Dahle opened the meeting at 7 pm. Donny led a devotional time reminding us that God's plans move towards community and unity and that as we become closer to God, we become closer to each other. We don't know God's plan for Messiah, but we need to open ourselves through prayer and study to discern God's will and to be faithful to God.

Present: David Dahle, Agnes Hoveland, Carolyn Andersen, Donny Loewen, Dena Grue, David Larson, Dave Stolee, Gail Stolee, Pastor Bev Swanson

2. **MSC** to hold meeting via Zoom
3. **MSC** to adopt the agenda
4. **MSC** to approve the minutes of
 - a. Council Meeting of November 17, 2021
 - b. Executive Meeting of December 17, 2021
5. **Status of Our Ministries**
 - a. **President**

MSC that David Dahle and Agnes Hoveland be appointed to conduct Pastor Bev's annual performance review.
 - b. **Pastor Bev's Report**

In addition to her written report, Pastor Bev reported an increase in requests from individuals wanting someone to pray with them.

There was a general discussion on the discernment process held with Council. Pastor Bev is currently preparing some reading material to assist members with understanding and participating in the discernment process. Once each of the proposed groups/committees has been through a discernment session, Pastor Bev will gather the themes and bring them back to Council. She will also help Council continue its own discernment process. Meanwhile, we must proceed with the day to day tasks of Congregation and Council.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report**

MSC that the \$518.38 in the Reserve Access Building Fund be used to help pay for costs associated with drainage problems in the elevator pit.

MSC that Messiah members be made aware of the 5% grocery rebate program at Save-On Foods.

The Treasurer will recruit a budget committee.
 - d. **Standing Committees**
 - i. Learning Committee
Minutes of December 2, 2021 and January 6, 2022 received as information.
 - ii. Service Committee
Minutes of December 7, 2021 and January 11, 2022 received as information.

iii. Support Committee

Minutes of December 16, 2021 received as information. Questions raised by Council Executive at its December 17, 2021 meeting regarding fees were referred back to the committee for more information.

iv. Witnessing Committee

Minutes of December 7, 2021 and January 13, 2022 received as information.

It was agreed to defer work on a new pictorial directory to 2023. Meanwhile, work is being done in the office to update members' contact information.

v. Worship Committee

Minutes of December 10, 2021 received as information.

6. Position Descriptions for Audio Visual Ministry Coordinator, Bookkeeper, Custodian, Music Ministry Coordinator:

MSC that the draft revised position descriptions be accepted as the bases for further discussions with the current occupants of those positions before being brought back to Council for final approval.

7. Appointment of Nominating Group:

Agnes Hoveland and Marie Brager will serve on the nominating committee and will seek others to assist them.

8. Collaboration with New Norway and Bashaw

While this is still under consideration and we remain hopeful that something can be worked out, it was agreed that Messiah needs to work through a number of budget considerations before moving forward with this idea and bringing it to the congregation for discussion.

9. Other Business

The Worship Committee will be asked to review the use of our sanctuary for weddings by couples outside our denomination without our pastor being present now that there is the option to livestream on YouTube.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 7:00 pm Devotions: Dena

11. Pastor Bev closed the meeting with prayer at 9:57 pm.