



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. **Present:** David Dahle, Agnes Hoveland, Dave Stolee, Carolyn Andersen, Dena Grue, Dave Larson, Donny Loewen, Gail Stolee' Pr Bev Swanson
2. President Dahle opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Donny Loewen led a devotion reminding us that change is all around and we need to reach out rather than wait or expect others to come to us. At the same time, we need to hold on to our foundational theology proclaiming Jesus as our risen Lord. He closed with the Serenity prayer: ***God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.*** (R. Neibuhr)

3. **MSC** to hold meeting via Zoom
4. MSC to adopt the agenda with the addition of logistics for the April 27 retreat and under other business, setting a date for the AGM.
5. **MSC** to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 22, 2022.
6. Status of Our Ministries
 - a. President
MSC to move into in camera session to receive the report of the performance evaluation of Pr Bev and to discuss the treasurer's report on staff remuneration.

At 8 p.m. Council moved out of in camera session for one half hour for a presentation from D. Rogers on his observations of the many churches he has participated in and the marks of those that thrived and grew. The President thanked him and Council returned to continue its in camera discussion.

The President declared the in camera session ended.

- b. Pastor Bev spoke briefly to the discernment summary report. She will distribute the full document of detailed responses to Council in advance of the visioning retreat.

In the context of the discernment report, the President and vice-President spoke to arrangements for the Visioning retreat. It will be held April 27 from 9-4 in the basement auditorium with facilitator Trina McCarroll. The vice President will work out the logistical details.

- c. Treasurer's Report Carried over to May 11 budget meeting.
 - d. Standing Committees
 - i. Learning Committee arranged for the presentation to Council by D Rogers.
 - ii. Service Committee written report includes good volunteer uptake for Martha's Table, and some creative plans to encourage even more people to volunteer.

iii. Support Committee reported that because the Refugee Centre operates under Messiah's Witnessing Committee, our insurance will cover it except with reference to any off-site storage of items.

MSC that the Support Committee proceed with arranging for the needed repairs to the roof which is causing leaking over the main (north) doors. The estimate for these repairs is in the range of \$5-10,000 and can be covered from existing funds.

MSC that Messiah waive the rental fee for the CLBI graduation on April 30, 2022. The Support Committee will be asked to re-consider the rental fee policy for CLBI, Hastings Lake Bible Camp, and Augustana. Concern was raised that the fee may not promote good relationships with these organizations that have deep connections to Messiah.

iv. Witnessing Committee: **MSC** that the fundraising garage sale to be held in May 2022 in support of refugees operate under the auspices of the Witnessing Committee.

v. Worship Committee: The Treasurer will look into the matter of a credit card for Messiah.

MSC that Council approve the motion from the Worship Committee to change the Worship Committee Responsibilities and to present these recommendations as by-law changes to the Annual General Meeting in June.

Note: There may be other by-law changes needed as well. E.g. how to deal with by-laws pertaining to MLW now that it has ceased to function.

7. Other Business The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12 with time and format to be announced later. Meanwhile, in order to prepare and distribute the Annual Report in a timely manner, please have committee reports to the office by May 18.

8. Next Meetings:

April 27 9-4 Council and Committee Visioning Retreat Basement auditorium

May 11, 7 pm Budget meeting on Zoom

May 18, 7 pm Regular Council meeting on Zoom Devotions: Dave Larson

June 12, 2022 Annual General Meeting

9. **Closing Prayer** by Pr Bev and **Adjournment** at 10:30.