



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 5:00 PM
Nursery
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. **Welcome** Council convened early so that we could spend a little time getting to know Pastor Jeff. Thank you Mary and Dena for preparing the coffee and cookies. At 5 o'clock President Dahle called the meeting to order. Mary shared a reading from Moments with God based on Proverbs 3:5-6 reminding us to trust in God with all our hearts and our faithfulness will bear fruit.
2. **MSC** to adopt the agenda with the clarification in 4.i.2. that this is in regard to Pr. Jeff.
3. **MSC** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of February 15, 2023.
4. **Status of Our Ministries**
 - i. **President** noted that he will introduce both Pr. Jeff and Pr. Bev and their families at the reception following the Installation service and Pr. Jeff at the beginning of the service on Sunday the 26th.
 1. **Vice President** Hoveland reported on behalf of the Nominating Group that only the Treasurer position on Council remains open, and that the Service Committee in particular is in need of members. She urges everyone to see engagement in the various groups as a year round nurturing of interest, invitation, and recruitment.
 2. **Orientation:** Pr Jeff would welcome a series of coffee gatherings beginning in late April as a way of meeting the congregation. Dena will prepare a note for the Messenger and arrange for sign-up sheets for hosts and guests. It was agreed that we be sure to include new people and some who are no longer regularly attending.
 - ii. **Pastoral Reports**
 1. **Pastor** Bev is fully engaged in the transition to her new role, welcoming Pr. Jeff, and finding the flow of her work across three congregations. With regard to the title for the document about funerals raised at the last meeting – expectations or guidelines? – it was determined that this was an administrative, not a Council decision.
 2. **Pastor Jeff** noted that he has already been invited to be a resource pastor at Camp Kurialos July 16-21. It was agreed that this was a good idea. He will arrange for coverage as needed. He also sought clarification of the intent of the Sr. Pastor Initiative Fund.
 - iii. **The Treasurer's Report** was distributed with little discussion. It was noted that approximately 25% of giving through Messiah this year was from the community and, and directed at the Refugee Centre for the Ukrainian refugees. Messiah donors gave about \$26,000 to the fund for Ukrainian refugees.

1. **The Revenue Committee Report** was enthusiastically presented by LeRoy. There was much positive discussion and a sense that the sooner we begin the better. It was referred to the April meeting for adoption.

iv. **Standing Committees**

1. **Learning Committee** report received. No action required.
2. **Service Committee MSC** that we support the Community Fresh Vegetable Initiative as proposed. The Thomases will lead.
3. **Support Committee MSC** that the proceeds of the April garage sale be shared 50/50 between the Messiah Refugee Fund and the Ukrainian refugee fund.
4. **Witnessing Committee** No action required
5. **Worship Committee MSC** that we accept the recommendation of the Worship Committee that when we renew our Easy Worship subscription, that we pay for the Premium version for one year.
MS that we table the recommendation of the Worship Committee that the money allotted for purchasing music be used for purchasing music from a publisher or from any individual. *Motion failed*
MSC that we accept the recommendation of the Worship Committee that the money allotted for purchasing music be used for purchasing music from a publisher or from any individual.

5. **Next Meetings**

- a. Regular Council Meeting: April 26 5-7 p.m. Devotions: Pr. Jeff
- b. Budget: April 12 4:30-6:30

6. **Adjournment** at 7:05