



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 5:00 PM
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MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. Welcome and Opening

Attending: David Dahle, Agnes Hoveland, Carolyn Andersen, Mary Broen, Dena Grue, LeRoy Johnson, Dave Stolee, Gail Stolee, Pr. Jeff Decelle, Pr Bev Swanson

Regrets: Max Lindstrand

- a. President Dahle began the meeting at 4pm followed by the devotional offering by Mary Broen in which she reflected on all the good things that have happened in the past twelve months, concluding a long list with gratitude. She went on to recall the question, "And who is my neighbour?" It is anyone with a need we might meet, as the activities of the past at Messiah have illustrated. She closed with a prayer that God would continue to guide us in the new year.

- 2. MSC** that the agenda be adopted with the inclusion of a nominating report under the President's report, and an in camera session under Pastor Jeff's report.

- 3. MSC** that the minutes of November 15, 2023, and December 20, 2023 be approved.

4. Status of our ministries

I. President: The vice-president, responsible for nominations, requested that committee liaison Council members go back to their committees and determine who planned to remain, and who else might be recruited.

Council members whose terms are ending were also asked to tell Agnes their intentions.

ii. Pastoral reports

1. Pastor Jeff:

MSC to adopt the Code of Conduct for Staff Members as presented by Pr. Jeff.

MSC that Carolyn Andersen and Max Linstrand be appointed to the Complaints Handling committee provided for in the policy.

Pastor Jeff reminded that we need to nominate one youth and one lay delegate to the Synod convention to be held at Augustana June 6-8. Jacob Decelle could be considered for youth delegate to Synod. One or more candidates could also stand for election to represent the East Central Area at the National Convention in Winnipeg in July 2025. Nominations to National would need to be submitted by March 1 and approved by Council in March. This information will be the Messenger.

MSC to move in camera to discuss personnel matters.

MSC to return to the regular session.

2. Pastor Bev:

Because of the extreme cold last weekend resulting in the cancellation of the services in the rural parishes, Pr Bev will do an additional service there to uphold the strong connection she has been nurturing.

iii. Treasurer's Report:

The month-to-month offerings vary considerably but are up overall. Festival offerings have been very strong such that at the eight month point of the year we have a surplus of \$19,998.

It is budget preparation time again and committees are asked to consider if they anticipate different projects and needs that would involve changes to their budgets. Pr Jeff and LeRoy Johnson will assist the treasurer in preparing the budget.

It was agreed that we would continue with an internal audit and that the Treasurer and the Bookkeeper would compile the annual financial statements, a task that was previously done by the accounting firm Grant Thornton at a projected cost this year of \$4300.

iv. Standing Committees

1. Learning Committee: No recommendations. See minutes

2. Service Committee: Max Lindstrand will be Messiah's representative on the NeighbourAid board.

The warming station project is ready to go as soon as an operator can be found.

3. Support Committee: No recommendations. See minutes

4. Witnessing Committee: No recommendations.

5. Worship Committee: **MSC** to create an ad hoc committee for the review of the Constitution and By-laws. David Dahle will lead the committee which will include Agnes Hoveland and Pr Jeff (advisor). The wording update to section 2 Worship by-laws bylaw recommended by the Worship Committee will be referred to this Committee.

MSC that Messiah Lutheran Church offer on-line communion using the Instructions for On-line Communion prepared by the Worship Committee.

5. Other Business

- i. LeRoy reported on Renewal 125 with considerable excitement after having spent some days in the archives reviewing 75 years of music ministry reports and being reminded of all the wonderful things Messiah has accomplished over the years. There are many many opportunities through music to welcome people. The steering committee is thinking about a theme and logo. His next focus will be on stewardship.

6. Next meeting: **February 21 at 4 pm**. Devotions: David Dahle

7. Pr Jeff closed with prayer. Adjourned 6:17