

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Minutes  
July 13th, 2021

**Present:** Pastor Liz, Ginger McCabe, Ginny Grabow, Deb Gehrke, Brian Block, Terri Heimerman, Ben Olsen

**Absent:** Tom Christensen

**Secretary's Report:** June council meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

**Financial Report:** Approved by council.

- The general fund received gifts of \$9,854.70 in July, versus last year of \$8,628.92, giving us a difference of (\$1,225.78).
- Year to Date: The general fund received gifts of \$67,585.33 versus last year of \$63,110.57, giving us a difference of \$4,474.76.

**Old Business:**

- Pastor Liz, Ginny Grabow, and Andi Lassiter are working on a job description for an office assistant/youth coordinator. The Council agreed to offer \$18.00/hour for this half-time position.
- The Council will be researching new water fountain options for the building.
- Terry Bateman and Pastor Liz will be picking out landscaping options for the West side of the building this fall.

**New Business:**

- New Council officers were elected: Deb Gehrke, President; Ben Olsen, Vice-President; Ginger McCabe, Secretary.
- The Council discussed the option of getting an electronic sign to replace our current sign. Someone scrambled the letters to display an inappropriate message last Sunday and this would be a way to eliminate that from happening. Plus it would be easier to change the sign and advertise church happenings.
- Deb asked if there are God Squad leaders for this coming year. Pastor Liz said that Victoria Sawyer will be contacting past leaders and recruiting new ones. First a survey needs to go out to families to find out what they would like God Squad to look like this year. Meals? Times? Classes?
- Deb also mentioned the need for speakers in the back of the church for people who have issues hearing. Some other projects brought up include: Sealcoating the parking lot blacktop; Building indoor clean-up and repair; Updating the sound system. Ben will contact the school board to ask about help maintaining our parking lot since they use it on a daily basis.
- The Council decided to invite the congregation to a potluck brunch after worship on "God's work, Our hands" Sunday, which is September 12th. As we gather in fellowship, members will be asked to fill out the Congregational Vitality Quick-Check and engage in discussion related to long-term goals for Our Savior's after the pandemic. Child care will be provided. Ginger will work on a t-shirt design for this.
- Pastor Liz brought up the idea of having "Dinner Church," in the months that have 5 Sundays. This is a worship service centered around a meal, which could be brunch or dinner, and includes taking

communion and engaging in discussions in small groups. The Council discussed the value and challenges of implementing this and agreed to try it this year, beginning Sunday, August 29th.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17th, 7:00 pm

Minutes prepared by: Ginger McCabe