

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
September 14th, 2021

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

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

Financial Report: Approved by council.

- The general fund received gifts of \$7,906.20 in September, versus last year of \$9,178.92, giving us a difference of (\$1,272.72).
- Year to Date: The general fund received gifts of \$83,944.28 versus last year of \$86,973.69, giving us a difference of (\$3,029.41).

Old Business:

- The Council reviewed the vitality survey results from our kickoff Sunday (September 12). We received 13 responses. Most answers fell in the 'somewhat well' category. Two areas of greatest concern were related to whether OSL 'Seeks out and uses the gifts of members of all ages' and 'Manages disagreements in a healthy respectful manner.' Ginny, Deb, and Ginger will work on an outreach plan.
- Church t-shirts came and are being distributed. There are extras for purchase and/or giveaways.
- Pastor Liz is planning for a New Member orientation and service soon.
- Tom has a plan to look into maintenance-free options building updates at the church and parsonage (gutters, parsonage deck roof and deck, etc.). He feels this will save money and be easier to maintain in the long run.
- Deb feels we need to buy new doormats as needed in lieu of hiring a service.
- The Council discussed what we can do to find more people to help with videotaping on Sundays. Ginger will set up a time with Scott Lassiter to train the Council on videotaping.

New Business:

- The Council discussed our COVID-19 preparedness plan and decided to follow what the school is doing this year when it comes to masking, social distancing, and limiting large group gatherings.
- Pastor Liz would like to do a Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival on Halloween which is Sunday, October 31st. Ideas included Bouncy House, Campfire/S'more, Brats and Beer, Rootbeer floats and dreamsicles.
- Ginny asked the Council's opinion about starting adult choir again. Ginny will reach out and discuss future plans with Jean Seely.
- The Council discussed how communion should be presented moving forward. The Council decided we will offer a choice of the disposable cup or the being handed the bread and wine at least for this coming fall/winter season. Therefore, we need to order more disposable cups
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 10th @ 10:00 am

Minutes prepared by: Ginger McCabe