

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL - TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM - In person in church lounge

In Attendance: Pastor Doug Ogden, President Cheri Crouch, Financial Secretary Curt Crouch, Laura Hollister, Sarah Schmaltz, Al Wheeler

Cheri called meeting to order at 6:38 PM

Cheri called for the **Agenda Review**. Agenda was approved as written.

OPENING PRAYER/DEVOTION: Pastor Doug offered an opening prayer. Devotions will be led by Laura Hollister at the meeting in May, Al Wheeler in June.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Council reviewed the February minutes. Al moved to accept and Sarah seconded. The motion passed and minutes were accepted as written.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- * We have no word yet on the status of our request for a Slovak student.
- * The "Solve the Mystery" dinner is set for April 22. Ariel and Jenna have this under control.
- * Erica Wyatt is certified for Serve Safe Manager.
- * The new Scout House/Food Pantry building plan is being re-brainstormed. More meetings of the Scouts and Food Pantry people are required to formulate a feasible plan.
- * Mears Avenue house land contract is ready to close on Friday April 28. Pastor Doug requested authorization from Council to sign for the church to complete the sale. Al moved and Laura seconded a motion to authorize Pastor Doug Ogden to sign on behalf of Lebanon Lutheran Church on this transaction. The motion passed. A document of authorization was signed by all in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Although we have seen a small shortcoming in giving to the General Budget, we have seen gains in both our Endowment and Investment funds. Thrivent Choice Dollars are keeping pace. Our Budgeted Expenses to date (25% of the year) are running at 23.86%.

Reminder to counters when Curt is not here:

- * Margaret's envelope should be checked for additional deposits.
- * If a check in an unmarked envelope is received, make a copy of the check for Curt.
- * Watch for unsigned checks or those not made out specifically to "Lebanon Lutheran Church"
 - those should be tagged and put back into Margaret's envelope.
- * Put memorials back in Margaret's envelope.

NEW OR URGENT BUSINESS:

- 1) Re-inventing Summer Programs: Backpacks, Day Camp and Smorgasbord. Any new Summer Activities?** We will postpone action until later. Discussions are proceeding on each of these. We need some brainstorming events to take place before action can be taken.
- 2). Bartlett Corner** - has been approved. Pastor Doug has a picture to be used. Sarah agreed to work with Pastor Doug to get this accomplished.
- 3) Land Contract Extension Update** - covered in Pastor's Report (see above).
- 4) Balcony Masking** It was agreed that mandatory masking in the balcony should no longer be required. All signs relating to this will be taken down.

EMPHASES OF THE MONTH:

April - Good Gifts - progressing nicely.

May - Synod Benevolence - Discussed who might give temple talk, but did not specifically assign anyone to make a request.

June - Slovak - May change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Thrivent Action Cards - Kid's Library Action Card has been put to good use. We will request cards once summer programs' needs are determined.

Outdoor Sign for April - Pastor Doug is changing the sign in Marsha's absence.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:50 Cheri asked for a motion to adjourn. Laura so moved and Sarah seconded. The motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by AI Wheeler