

**Lebanon Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
Minutes of February 18, 2025 Meeting
In Person - In Church Lounge**

In Attendance: Pastor Doug Ogden, President Wietse Schaafsma, Financial Secretary Curt Crouch, Cheri Crouch, Laura Hollister, David Dusenberry, Amy Swope, Sarah Schmaltz, Secretary Al Wheeler

President Wietse Schaafsma called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Wietse welcomed new members Amy Swope and David Dusenberry, and also returning members Cheri Crouch and Al Wheeler. Wietse then called for the **Agenda Review**. Laura moved to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.

Opening Devotion: Sarah said that she had been inspired by an article entitled “The Servants of Jesus in Every Day Reality Shows” *concerning* fictional servants in early TV shows and their different approaches to service. Sarah compared her memories of favorite TV character servants to her own efforts to work in Christian service to other’s needs. She noted that it is important to take time for self care and preservation and that with Jesus’s help we can rise to the challenges of a true servant.

Future Devotions: March - Al April - Laura

Participants shared **Recent Signs of God’s Grace**.

Election and Appointment of Officers: Cheri nominated Wietse as President, seconded by Amy. Al moved to close nominations, seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Cheri nominated Sarah as Vice President, seconded by Amy. Cheri moved to close nominations, seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Cheri nominated Al as Secretary, seconded by Wietse. Cheri moved to close nominations, seconded by Amy. Motion passed.

There being no further nominations, Sarah moved that all nominees be elected by acclamation, seconded by Wietse. Motion passed.

Cheri moved to appoint Terry Beekman as Treasurer and Curt Crouch as Financial Secretary, seconded by Wietse. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Minutes: Council reviewed the January minutes. Laura moved, Cheri seconded, and the minutes were accepted as written. Curt questioned if the Annual Report should be reviewed. It was decided that Council should do so, but since the Annual Report had not yet been sent to the Council, this action will be scheduled for the March meeting.

Pastor’s report: (See Pastor’s Report to the Church Council February 18, 2025): The breakdown of the costs for the new food pantry/scout building included in his report may need to increase approximately \$5000 for tariffs and sand. Pastor discussed our options for the period of his absence when he will be in Ohio to aid his Mother following knee replacement.

Financial Reports: (See Financial Reports to the Church Council February 18, 2025): For the benefit of new Council members and also as a good review for all, Curt discussed details of each report and explained the counting process for collections on Sundays. A sheet was passed to Council members to sign up as counters to cover the following twelve months.

New or Urgent Business:

1. **Excess Storage Concerns:** Wietse said that there is a large quantity of old, dishes in the storage room in the upper hall and that Flo King has volunteered to sell them online. After much discussion, it was agreed to approve her offer and to designate the income from the sale to the general fund. Further discussion of the excess Christmas decorations yielded no specific plan.
2. **Smorgasbord Funds:** The Smorgasbord Committee has approved \$2063.29 to be moved to to general fund.
3. **Event Planning:** Lenten Services as discussed during the Pastor's Report will be an ongoing concern of Council until definite plans are made.
4. **Thrivent Action Cards/Calendar:** Meg has requested a card for the upcoming AED training. Laura has \$50 unused on a card that could be used for postage.

Emphasis of the Month:

February - Kids' Klub: Amy and the Kids made a wonderful presentation on Sunday.
March - Good Gifts: Curt (planning for 1st Sunday in March).
April - Good Gifts: Wietse volunteered.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Flat Roof Concerns:** We can't do much until the snow melts and we can get onto the roof.
2. **Outdoor Sign for February/March:** Lenten Services, (Pot Lucks/Peter Sagal Documentaries noted from Pastor's Report)
3. **AED Training:** Some members and scouts are scheduled for a class to be given on February 22. More classes may be available in the future. Pastor Doug has a training class that could be shown on our TV if there is enough interest.
4. **Mike's Balcony Project:** Wietse said that we can begin with some preparations at a small cost. The rest is dependent on Mike's schedule. Pastor Doug stated, and Council agreed that, we should pay Mike for this service.
5. **Margaret's Computer:** This has been approved by Council to be funded by Thrivent Choice dollars. Mike will make the purchase to confirm compatibility with other office equipment.

Calendar and Adjournment: At 7:57 Cheri moved to adjourn and David seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Al Wheeler