

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 24, 2022 – 7:00 PM
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

Members Present: Nancy Wichmann, Becky O'Neill, Ken Varland, Jessica Olson, Shawn Wilfahrt, Kathy Lund, Susan Krogstrand, Chip Rasche, Bob Gruenhagen, Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner and Pastor Dave Nissen.

Guests: Zion Lutheran Church of Hanska's council members

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Devotions:** Ken
3. **Additions to the Agenda:**
None
4. **Approval of 2/24/22 Minutes** – Motion by Ken Varland to approve, seconded by Bob Gruenhagen. MSP
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Still busy schedule with a number of funerals
6. **Financial Report:** Jessica Olson.
 - a. February looked good with contributions up from last month. The building fund is down but donations have been coming in.
7. **New Business**
 - a. 1) The council had conversations with members of the Zion Lutheran Church council to discuss the possibilities of a partnership of congregations if it is mutually beneficial. Discussed financial resources and talent resources and opportunities within. It would lend to bigger programs, larger child programs, draw to potential members with connection with the dual congregations, mission field in more than one community and reaching more people. By partnering would come the possibility of calling another pastor. Also beneficial would be the additional help on Wednesdays with the Linct program and the benefit to Zion of combined confirmation classes. Zion might also be able to hold weekly church services.
2) Kathy had discussed partnerships with Vinje Lutheran of Willmar for guidance. The partnership would be comprised of two separate congregations with separate budgets (with a partnership agreement) and councils, but pastors in common.
3) The Recommendation is to notify both congregations of talks of partnership and set a date of April 5th to have further conversations between councils with four in attendance from each council.
 - b. The Saturday evening service has not been well-attended with an average of 20 people; staff availability for the service is also an issue. Discussed the continuation of offering this service. The Wednesday services at 7:30 have also not been overly attended. The 10:30 service attendance is showing growth. Move to keep both 8:30 & 10:30 services for summer contingent on continued attendance numbers. Motion by Ken to approve, seconded by Susan. MSP
 - c. This September 25th will be the date for the 75th anniversary celebration for Our Savior's. There will be minimal initial cost for "save the date" cards to be mailed soon.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Harold Remme has agreed to serve the seat on the Finance Team. Chip Rasche has volunteered to serve on the Personnel Team. Motion by Bob, seconded by Ken. MSP
 - b. The Council is slated to host the Lenten meal April 6th. Meal plans of soup and sandwiches were finalized.
 - c. The Property Team and Finance Team have suggested we accept Aaron Lambrecht's bid of \$500 to complete the restructuring of the balcony to meet safety guidelines. Aaron will be personally donating the materials for the project. Motion by Bob, seconded by Becky. MSP

9. Next meeting will be on April 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM

10. Closing Prayer/Adjournment: Lord's Prayer. Motion to adjourn by Chip, Seconded by Jessica. MSP

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Wilfahrt, Church Council Secretary.