

**All Saints Lutheran Church**  
Church Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Attending: Pastor Kristin Schultz, Kris Ericson, Jim Kruger, Megan Barnes, Lucy Archamboult, Gloria Napper Owen, Diana Lewis, Martha Debelak, and Lyndi Dittmer-Perry.

Not Attending: Brian Hughes and Kurt Rager

**1. Meeting Called to Order/Opening Prayer:** Kris Ericson at 6:31pm.

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Megan asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the July 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting minutes, the electronic vote minutes, the committee reports, and the agenda for the evening. Lucy moved to approve the consent agenda, and Gloria seconded the motion. Megan called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Financial Report:** Diana reports that giving was down in July, and also that the three paycheck month does account for some of the loss. The Preschool was also down \$3600 for the month, but holds an overall positive balance in excess of \$10,000.

**4. Solar Proposal:** Diana brought a solar proposal from New Mexico Solar. They are a local company that specializes in commercial solar. It would cost \$93,000 up front, and they report we would recoup that cost back in 9.7 years. The work would be fully warrantied for 25 years. It would save about \$8,900 a year on the electric bill. Gloria moved that the Finance Committee keep investigating solar options and attempt to procure a second proposal. Lyndi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Council Town Halls:** Kris suggested that we find a better way to communicate with the congregation. We discussed possibilities such as coffee with the council and a quarterly town hall meeting to update the congregation on the council's work and to allow for questions and concerns to be brought up. Kris and Kristin will work on a date for an initial meeting to solicit feedback on how the congregation would like council communication updates.

**6. Reconciling Works Recommendation/Request:** Kris brought a request on behalf of Brian to examine the new recommendation and request from Reconciling Works to update our commitment to the program. Randine Hughes has offered to chair that work. Lucy moved that we ask Randine to explore the request from Reconciling Works. The motion was seconded by Diana and passed unanimously.

**7. In Person Council Meetings:** The council will be either hybrid or all online next month based on indoor mask requirements in September. Kris will let us know.

**8. For the Good of the Order:** Connection group training will take place in person and on Zoom on Sunday, August 29. Ed Strebe's funeral will be on Saturday, August 28.

9. **Closing Prayer:** Kristin closed with prayer at 7:53.