

All Saints Lutheran Church
Church Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 26th 2022

Attending: Pastor Kristin Schultz, Kris Ericson, Jim Kruger, Gloria Napper Owen, Kurt Rager, Anne Carpenter-Wilson, Tom Becker, Diana Lewis, and Lyndi Dittmer-Perry

Not Attending: Megan Barnes

1. **Meeting Called to Order/Liturgy:** Kris and Kristin at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Kris asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the council meeting minutes, the committee reports, and the agenda for the evening. Lyndi moved to approve the consent agenda, and Gloria seconded the motion. Kris called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Committee Thank You Gathering:** The council wishes to gather all our committee members together to thank them for their hard work, to discuss what belongs to committee and what belongs to the council, and to hear what the committees would like from the council. We decided to send written invitations for a gathering on July 10th with pizza and dessert.
4. **Financial Reports:** Diana reported that our total income for the month was \$28,553 and explained the cell tower income was up because of an error last month. The church was \$3,077 in the positive for the month, and still has PPP money that hasn't been used. The preschool income for the month was \$14,477, and it is also up \$1,210.
5. **Policy Regarding Financial Requests:** The council is asking committees to inform us about special financial requests for the church first so we can manage requests on the calendar.
6. **Coffee with the Council:** The council discussed continuing our quarterly coffee with the council meetings in a more informal setting. Jim and Tom will set up in the fellowship hall on June 26th for our next session.
7. **Asylum Seeker/OAR Discussion:** The council expects a request from OAR soon to fundraise for the asylum seekers. The council intends to approve that and ask Diana to keep us informed with updates.
8. **Preschool Business:** Jim highlighted these changes to the preschool operating procedures:
 - Confirmed the council representative on the preschool board is a voting member of the board of managers

- The process for changing the operating procedures will be less stringent moving forward, only requiring a majority vote of all members present at a meeting to propose a change to council (versus the previous requirement that all members must vote on any changes)
- A ten percent discount on tuition for teachers and first responders was added to the operating procedures
- Language was added regarding providing scholarships for students
- New language clarifies that the treasurer for the preschool is the same as the treasurer for the church
- Board also removed language about auditing and will replace it with a review of finances

Jim brought a motion from the board of managers to ask council to approve the new policies and procedures included in the council and packet and to allow the Board of Managers to revise the current draft language about the treasurer and the review of finances. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jim also reported that tuition at the preschool will be increased by 15%. The preschool performed a market analysis, and the preschool cost is right in the middle of the market. It could raise prices up to \$101 a month based on how much time the child is attending the preschool. The tuition increase will cover about half of what is needed to balance the budget. The increase will go into effect June 1st for new students and in the fall for existing students.

9. **Council Business:** The council will skip the June meeting and will meet in July instead. We have also decided to reinstate opening devotions from council members in our council meetings. Kris will bring a devotion schedule in July.

10. **For the Good of the Order:**

11. **Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Kris closed us with prayer and adjourned at 8:23pm.