

All Saints Lutheran Church
Church Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 25th 2022

Attending: Pastor Kristin Schultz, Kris Ericson, Jim Kruger, Megan Barnes, Gloria Napper Owen, Anne Carpenter-Wilson, Tom Becker, Lyndi Dittner-Perry, and Diana Lewis.

Not Attending: Kurt Rager

1. **Meeting Called to Order/Devotion:** Kris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Megan shared an opening devotion called Litany for Listeners.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Megan asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the council meeting minutes, the committee reports, and the agenda for the evening. Gloria moved to approve the consent agenda, and Anne seconded the motion. Megan called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:** Diana requested that the council liaisons begin the budget conversations with committees for 2023. She also updated the council on the July numbers. The church earned \$119 more than budgeted in July. However, the preschool lost \$1460 because enrollment is down. This brings the year to date deficit for the preschool to \$9500. The preschool's enrollment is around 30 and needs to be 35.
4. **Development Committee:** Jim and the Development Committee were very pleased with Coffee with Council in June and decided to roll that thought process into the fall campaign and have these conversations after service. Kurt Rager will preach on 18th of September to kick off development campaign: Grace in Action.
5. **Asylum Seeker Update:** Kristin updated the council on a new process for asylum seekers called the airport model. In this model, asylum seekers must book airplane tickets and then they will be sheltered and given food and sent to Albuquerque. The goal is to send 50 people per day 5 days a week. Volunteers are wanted to walk through the airport and take asylum seekers through the airport and TSA.
6. **Preschool Update:** Gloria and Jim shared that the Board of Managers is working on a personnel handbook update. In August, the preschool used grant money to replace a sink, buy a washer and dryer, paint, and carpet squares. One of the current goals is trying to get the infant room more functional.
7. **Property Update:** Dennis Milks, the Property Committee chair, stepped down, and so there will be a meeting after church on Sunday the 18th to reform the committee. All volunteers are welcome.

8. **Solar Update:** Our equipment is on site and New Mexico Solar is ready to go. The company is still waiting on PNM for permit approval.
9. **Covid Taskforce Report:** Jim reported that the taskforce meeting focused on a high level view, centered on whether the worship experience has been negatively impacted by the covid protocols currently in place. The taskforce felt it certainly had not, and they intend to continue to use CDC and DOH guidance to shape protocol recommendations for All Saints.
10. **Worship Committee Update:** The committee discussed implementing the sharing the peace again, and how that might be done in a way that considers personal comfort level of different parishioners. The committee also discussed getting book racks for our worship books and hand sanitizer in all the rows. We discussed a few different ideas for raising the \$3000 for the book racks, but decided to table it until we have more information, including the cost for replacement of the baptismal font.
11. **New Office Admin:** Pastor Kristin reported that the interview process continues for a temporary employee from Sabio.
12. **Next Council Meeting:** Our next Council meeting was moved to September 29th.
13. **Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Pastor Kristin prayed us out at 7:59 p.m.