

All Saints Lutheran Church

4800 All Saints Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Church Council

Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2025

6:30pm

Prepared by Megan Barnes, Secretary

Attending: Meredyth Jones, Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, Megan Barnes, Tom Becker, Daniel Mazan, Frank Orton, Larry Shy, Fabian Enriquez, Kurt Rager, and Nicole Arguello.

Not Attending: Kristin Schultz

1. Meeting Called to Order/Opening Devotion:

- a. Meredyth called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m. and Lyndi shared an opening devotion with us.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda:

- a. Megan asked for a motion to approve the council meeting minutes for April and the financial and committee reports. Dan moved to approve the minutes, and Fabian seconded the motion. Meredyth called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Meredyth then asked for any additions to the agenda. She then asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Update and Q&A:

- a. Dan also reported a new change to the financial report starting this month. The report now includes all cash transactions, such as the mortgage payments, which are not accounted for in the budget.
- b. Dan also reported our cash decreased \$14,000 last month which was mostly due to having three pay periods.
- c. Dan also suggested being more mindful of our discretionary spending and Tom suggested we consider a resolution like we did last year that limits spending of more than \$500 unless approved by the council.

4. Church Offering Envelopes and Labels Discussion:

- a. Lyndi reported that executive discussed whether the church offering envelopes are still needed in mass form, or if we could create them ourselves to save money. Dan estimated we spend about \$500 a year on offering envelopes. Kurt will talk to development for more information and Lyndi will talk with the finance committee.

5. Property Update with Tom:

- a. Tom has hired someone to repaint our handicapped spaces and is covering the cost himself.
- b. Tom also reported that he has made many calls to get our sprinklers turned on and has not had luck getting in touch with the company thus far.

- c. Tom, Krysta, and Kristin had another meeting about the wall with the engineer and the city. The engineer is against any change in the plan and convinced the city the same. They did recommend minimizing concrete to work on cost saving and we will do so by creating a narrower sidewalk. Tom believes we will still be in about the \$100,000 range for final costs. He also reported that the HOA cannot get a consensus from their board about who is responsible for the wall. We will proceed with our part of the contract and let them worry about the wall repairs as it is not the church's property or responsibility. Tom and Krysta will work on a piece for the newsletter about beginning donations for the capital campaign to begin the first stage of the repairs.

6. Pastor Report:

- a. Tom reported that the capital campaign team has been busy identifying people to reach out to who have not yet pledged by the end of next week. We are currently missing 22 pledges. Multiple council members reported that it's not clear how to donate to the campaign, especially through the Simply Giving platform. Lyndi is going to follow up with Andy about clarity in directions for Simply Giving.
- b. Kristin's notes reminded us that on May 23rd ASLC will host a Sip and Paint at the church for those attending the Synod Assembly. Meredyth, Megan, and Marlee will be there to assist.
- c. Kristin's notes also reminded us that Council Installation will happen during service this Sunday, May 18th.
- d. Meredyth reported that for Pride this year, we are again partnering with Open Table, (formerly Luther House) and First Congregational UCC. The theme is "God: the Original They/Them", and Meredyth will bring her truck and is renting a trailer.

7. Committee Updates:

- a. Lyndi reported there were gifts in Memorial designated to the capital campaign and for hospitality. She will send an e-mail requesting approval for these funds next week.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 26th with an opening devotion by Larry.
- b. Council will not meet in July and our August council meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 14th instead of August 28th.

9. Closing

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm with prayer.

10. Future Agenda Items:

- Council Retreat – August 9th with a Vision Mission Discussion.
- Marketing
- Preschool STAR Update
- Hospitality and Newcomer Team/Community Life – Pastor, Nicole
- Facility Use Fee Review - Fall
- Website – Lyndi

- Administration Planning – Lyndi
- Pastor’s Review – Kurt, Lyndi