

Minutes - Campus Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 2, 2023

Attendees: Mark Kruse, Chris Lohmann, Sarah Pellis, Luke Lilienkamp, Chris Brown, Rachel Skrabal, Pastor Kent Pierce, John Sponaugle, Chris Vaughn, Mark Brakhane, MaryEllen Lohmann.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Kent - from Diary of Private Prayer.

Approval of agenda - Motion to approve by: Chris Lohmann, Seconded by: Rachel Skrabal. March Agenda approved.

Minutes of February council meetings: [2023-02-02 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#) Motion to approve by: John Sponaugle, Seconded by: Chris Lohmann. February Minutes approved.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report- Chris Lohmann See Report: [Treasurer's Rpt January 2023](#)
2. Financial Secretary Report- John Sponaugle - There have been only 8 formal requests for printed giving statements.
3. Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent - See Report: [Pastor's Report March 2023](#) A few requests have been made to have the church directory available in print or on the website. Those requests will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. The entire directory is available if a member is logged in, but will not be available publicly on the website.

Board Reports

- Elders- Barry Steevens - No Report (No February Elders Meeting)
- Outreach- Tim Sullivan - No Report
- Christian Education- Mary Ellen Lohmann - See Report Below.
- Stewardship- Rachel Skrabal See Report: [Stewardship Rpt. March 2023](#). The Financial Review committee has completed their work (attachments below). Recommendations were made to improve instruction on the use of tax-exempt forms, and add a standardized form for documenting fundraising transactions. Elders have been reminded to collect the offerings after every service, particularly the non-Sunday services.
- Fellowship- Chris Vaughn - Working with multiple committees on food and fellowship needs.
- Social Ministry- Sarah Pellis - Signed up for "Shine Servant" event to deliver meals to Circle of Friends.
- Student Ministry- Thomas Senter - No Report
- Youth Ministry- Mary Anne Wolfmeyer - No Report
- Communications- Chair position open.
- Church Properties- Mark Brakhane -Withdraw declined estimating installing lights on the sanctuary ceiling, but they did to agree to install a PICO bluetooth remote switch in the Connect Room. Tried to do Tuesday but the switch lacks a neutral wire. Going to pull a neutral wire from the closest light fixture next week sometime and install remote light switch between the doors. They are marked with black tape. Meeting with Pinnacle Electric tomorrow (3/2/23) at 10am concerning the sanctuary lights. The handicap switch on the South door will not unlock. Mark Kruse has requested Columbia Glass (door company) come out to work on it next week.

Old Business

1. Governance Implementation Update - Pastor Kent is working on a charter template for the mission teams and/or volunteer staff. He will meet with Mark Kruse to work on additional policies.
2. Onward Mission Plan Review - in progress.
3. Financial Reporting – Chris Lohmann will submit a financial summary before the newsletter deadline by March 15. The following webpage is available to keep the congregation updated on our financial status: campuslutheran.org/financial
4. Sanctuary Lighting - Voss Lighting sent a new quote for the fixtures; we waiting on an electrician's estimate. (See Properties Report).
5. Shared Ministry with Good Shepherd – Turbo Team info added to campuslutheran.org/shared A suggestion was made to start a shared prayer ministry team. Another suggestion from Bill Geis was for each congregation to complete an asset mapping, including personnel who may have a particular talent or skill. The Turbo Team activities have been posted on our webpage.

6. Sound system for Community Life Center – quote from Inspimedia Productions: \$13,368.14. Alternatively, we will investigate minor adjustments to the soundboard that will allow use of wireless microphones from the sanctuary.
7. Nominating Committee - Current thought is to ask all current office holders to remain in their position for the next year, and ask one additional congregational member to be the “at large” member of the council. The nominating committee will publish the slate at least two weeks prior to the congregational meeting.

New Business

1. Scheduling of Volunteers for Services - perhaps look for someone to coordinate each group of servers, and get them signed up through Campus Connect.
2. Beta Sig Renovation Project - The Beta Sig building project chairman asked if their dumpster could be placed on our property, enclosed by a fence. Council declined to have them move it to our property, however we agreed that CLC should be sharing in the cost of the dumpster.
3. Disposition of Memorial Funds - Will be directed to various ministries where possible.
4. Approval Request for serving alcohol at a wedding rehearsal dinner on June 17 (see Pastor’s Report). Moved to approve by John Sponaugle, Seconded by Rachel Skrabal. Motion to allow alcohol for this event is approved.
5. Mark made available a Concordia Plan Share board link, as a way for church leaders and board chairs to share ideas and information.
6. Online and Electronic Giving: We will try to improve communication for this process: Please submit any VANCO/VENMO giving with a memo noting the intent and please use a bank transfer (not credit or debit cards) to avoid the fees.

Adjourn, Closing Prayer - The Lord’s Prayer.

Reminders:

- Forgiving Challenge
- Next council meeting – April 6, 2023

Attachments:

[Financial Committee Review Letter](#)
[Financial Review Recommendations](#)

Education Ministry Report:

Fri, Feb 24 – Sat, Feb 25 Grace Road Lock-In (See photos in attached PDF)

We had a successful Lock-In with 16 children in attendance, 14 which stayed overnight. (And about three children who stayed up ALL night!)

The youth led a carnival with games for an hour and a half. There was great food, fun, and fellowship. We even used a scavenger hunt to remind students of the 2022 VBS theme and announce the 2023 theme, Stellar. Many thanks to these fantastic volunteers—Erik and Melissa Slatinsky, Barron and Laura Roth, Allen Huggins, Luke Lilienkamp, Phil Sarff, Chris Vaughn, Deanna Leimbach, Lugine Hein, Katie Brown and Jen Pierce—as well as members of the youth group.

During Lent – Special series in Grace Road: Forgiving Challenge

Beth Greimann is developing activities and curriculum that tie into the Forgiving Challenge. To date, the children have tried their luck at an obstacle course, played fishing games, and videos are taped for them each week by Beth and Ken Greimann.

Many thanks to the Greimanns, our Grace Road teachers – Melissa and Erik Slatinsky – and Allen Huggins, Sunday School superintendent.

Upcoming Dates & Activities

Sat, April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt - Annual Easter family event. Still working on exact details.

April – GRACE Road Bibles for Upper Elementary Members

VBS Retreat – June 23 – 25 (fourth weekend) Staying with the weekend format. The theme called “Stellar” is all about space, which we will share with the Alaska Mission Team.