



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Leadership Council Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – 7:00 PM (In person)

Present: Bob Westland, Emily Blain, Tim Valen, Katie Holger, Jennie Loven, Kidron Flynn, Pastor Nikki, Pastor Ben, Emily Block

Guests: Tim Hornseth, Financial Secretary

As a welcoming and inclusive congregation, we:

- **Affirm and claim our families, however they are defined**
- **Embrace intergenerational faith formation and innovative ministries**
- **Nurture, equip and invite people to share their gifts and talents**
- **Profess our faith through serving those in need**

Opening prayer: Pastor Ben

Welcome new leadership members, introductions, responsibilities, and mini council

retreat: What is our current ministry? What are the next steps? We can't go alone. Community and connection are what people are asking for now. Pastor Ben shared his experience with this from his recent retreat.

Review and approve meeting minutes from January 2023: Kidron Flynn moved to approve the minutes, Jennie Loven seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

Continuing Business

1. Treasurer's Report (Emily Block)

Actual Income (as of 01/31/23): \$34,400.46

Actual Expenses (as of 01/31/23): \$25,433.20

Budgeted Expenses: \$36,389.24

2. Update from first meeting with Good Shepherd on shared ministry

Pastors Ben and Nikki, and Bob Westland met Good Shepherd's pastor and council. Pastors then met with Barb Streed from the synod. There would be a contract from the synod. Pastor Nikki would go up to 3/4 time. Good Shepherd would pay .3 of Pastor Nikki's salary. OSLC would pay .4, which is a decrease from the .5 OSLC currently pays for Pastor Nikki's salary. Pastor Nikki would not have to be re-called to OSLC because all that is changing are her hours, not her call. Next step is a group from each church to put the contract together. The contract would be for a trial period.

3. Review current church membership roster (confirm updated numbers)? - Tabled

4. HVAC updates - Tabled

Tim Hornseth: The 2023 envelopes came late but should be resolved now. \$284,913 pledged for 2023. \$348,915 with Simply Giving.

New Business Agenda Items – Pastors Ben and Nikki and Leadership Team:

1. Open positions:

- a. Business and Finance team lead - Waiting for an answer.
- b. SEMN Synod delegates from OSLC – Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Mankato MN. Still looking.

2. Discuss leadership meeting days and times: Second Wednesdays at 6:30pm. March's meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm due to the Lenten services.

3. Zumbro River Conference Assembly update: Pastor Nikki and Bob - Nothing to report

4. OSLC 75 anniversary this year, we should do something to celebrate. Short initial discussion.

5. Meeting minutes: Approve minutes via email so it gets to the congregation sooner.

Leadership Reports

Business Admin Teams (Tim Valen): Nothing to report

Congregational Ministries (Katie Holger): Nothing to report

Outreach Ministries (Kidron Flynn): Nothing to report

Youth and Education (Jennie Loven): Nothing to report

Vice president (Emily Blaine): Nothing to report

Report from Pastor Ben: Family retreat at GEV in March. Request \$1000 from that budget line item for the retreat. Tim Valen moved to approve the request. Emily Blain seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

Report from Pastor Nikki: Nothing to report

Next Leadership Meeting: Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Olson
OSLC Secretary