



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

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 6:15pm PM (In person)

Present: Bob Westland, Emily Blain, Tammy Olson, Tim Valen, Kidron Flynn, Pastor Nikki, Pastor Ben, Emily Block (Invited)

Absent: Jennie Loven, Katie Holger

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 - Emily Blain

Our Affirmation of Hope and Thanks for this week – What are we hopeful for? What are we Thankful for?

May 2023 meeting minutes were approved via email and sent out to congregation.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Block)

Income YTD (as of 05/31/23): \$158,892.21 (includes \$3,728.50 for Shared Ministry)

Expenses YTD (as of 05/31/23): \$195,948.60

Budgeted Expenses: \$181,946.20

Discussion regarding being behind on the budget. Will put budget numbers in weekly bulletin.

Continuing Business

1. OSLC 75th Anniversary celebration on May 21, was a success!

2. Church membership roster updates, any update?

We will act on the list at the next meeting after the June 30 deadline for the recipients to respond.

3. OSLC Application for facility use- Non Wedding/Funeral – Pastor Ben sent out updated form.

Kidron motioned to approve the form after typos are corrected. Tim seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

4. The adoption of the continuing resolution for OSLC Team and Committee structure.

Pastor Ben sent out the Continuing Resolution C12.04.A23 information. Further discussion regarding Memorials & Worshipping Arts. Emily Blain motioned to approve with the changes discussed. Kidron seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

5. Secretary coverage – Coverage and TODOs when Joanne is on vacation – still needs to be looked at .

Not reviewed at this time because we have next week covered when Joanne will be out.

6. List of things the council can help out the pastors with.

a) Especially when both pastors are unavailable for Sunday service. I.E. June 18th. June 18th is covered. List has not been compiled.

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

1. Funeral support and planning going forward

Looking at two more leads for funerals. One person has accepted. Another will be asked. Discussed internal policy change to not have funerals on the weekend. Tim motioned to not have funerals on the weekend. Emily Blain seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. July 9th shared service with Good Shepherd.

Service and details were communicated via OSLC E-Newsletter

3. Long term Rental/Lease agreement – updated?

a. Carolyn Mead – her one year contract started January 1, 2018 and I don't think it's been updated since.

More discussion will happen with the choir and bell directors regarding use of the space. Personnel committee will talk to Carolyn.

b. An additional piano instructor would like to rent.

Waiting to hear if the person is still interested in renting. Currently the person is renting else where for the summer.

4. Donations for hunger organizations

Discussion regarding highlighting the benevolence of the OSLC community regarding hunger and other areas. Possibility of putting World Hunger envelopes on counter in narthex and highlighting the organization yearly.

Leadership Reports

Business Admin Teams (Tim Valen)

Tim will talk to: 1) Megan & Al regarding the broken dishwasher; 2) Tim Hornseth about giving/pledge issues; 3) Al regarding the roof leaking.

Congregational Ministries (Katie Holger via email)

Update from Worship and Music: worshipping art camp July 17-21st 6-8pm partnering with Good Shepherd.

Outreach Ministries (Kidron Flynn)

Ruby: the Fellowship group is taking a hiatus for the summer; Rally Sunday is on Sept 9 - is help needed from the Fellowship team?

Fair Trade is discussing hours of the fall market & the vendors.

WELCA - no news

Youth and Education (Jennie Loven via email)

Youth Committee: nothing official to report.

I just sent an email to Greg and Bev, asking for their vision of the Worshipping Arts time. My thought was to get their ideas before organizing a potential zoom meeting for parents to

discuss their ideas. I'm thinking a zoom meeting may get better attendance than in-person. I haven't settled on a date for that yet.

Greg replied to my email, with several thoughts on what curriculum could look like, but essentially said we need lots of volunteers to make anything work on a regular schedule. I'll bring that up at the conversation with parents. I'll send out an email/invite to a conversation later this month. I'm wondering if the meeting should be in August some time.

Vice president (Emily Blain)

Nothing

Reports from Pastor Ben and Pastor Nikki

Pastor Ben

He and Pastor Nikki will be in and out in the next few weeks.

Thinking more about Worshipping Arts - what are we trying to accomplish, what do families need, what are families willing to contribute, what is most necessary & available for families to contribute with their schedules. Give families tools to talk about the stories. Could be kit, video, etc. Next step - brainstorming session that Jennie is taking the lead on.

Pastor Nikki

A lot of hospital visits. Pastor Nikki is focused on how she can combine OSLC and Good Shepherd Lay Ministry teams and how she can combine the Youth groups. Good Shepherd has a Grief Support team which is phenomenal. There's a maximum of 6 people in a group. After a death, the family is invited to a grief support group for a number of weeks.

OSLC youth mission trip starts June 25 in Milwaukee. Pastor Nikki is going with four youth. The congregation will have a send off for them during/right after the June 25 worship service. The group will be doing work with the Feeding America and Alice's Garden organizations. They will also be worshipping every night. During the July 2 worship service they will be sharing their experiences from the trip.

Next Leadership Meeting: Wednesday, August 9 at 6:15pm. (The July meeting will be skipped unless something comes up that needs to be discussed.)

Close with the Lord's prayer

Notes for Office Administrator substitute.

The minimum items a substitute needs to handle.

1. Constant Contact – online email program
2. Use of Microsoft Publisher – Edit “Weekly and Sunday Bulletins”.
3. Mailings
4. Respond to incoming Emails using Outlook.
5. Funeral tasks

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Olson

OSLC Secretary