

The First Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Vice President Zach Dahlgren called the meeting to order and opened with joys and concerns at 7:01 p.m. Others present were Michael McLoughlin, Barb Mussman, Joyce Charlson and Shelby Fisher. Austin Charlson arrived at 8 p.m.

Motion by Michael, seconded by Joyce to approve the September minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Michael gave the treasurer's report. Last month's totals are in parenthesis.

General Account Balance: \$53,518.11 (\$40,909.84)

First Citizens \$23,442.75 (\$40,909.84)

Good Samaritan Fund \$1858.25 (\$1858.25)

Youth Funds \$1079.74 (\$1079.74)

Vanguard: \$30,075.36 (\$0)

Memorial Fund Balance: \$22,298.81 (\$22,227.21)

First Citizens \$2,247.39 (\$22,227.21)

Vanguard: \$20,051.42 (\$0)

Food Pantry Fund: \$19,804.84 (\$20,364.79)

Parsonage Fund: \$134,192.10 (\$140,030.76)

Inflow (contributions and interest: \$15,618.89 (\$11,832.49)

Outflow from general fund: \$3,010.62 (\$4,183.27)

NOTES: \$2993.23 of inflow is refunded overpayments to Portico for pastor benefits.

Motion by Barb, seconded by Joyce to accept the Treasurer's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.

In other financial business: Motion by Michael, seconded by Barb to compensate past and future pulpit supply \$150 plus mileage at the IRS rate. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Office report: Shelby will work with the Food Pantry to coordinate lunch for the turkey drive and meal on November 19.

Unfinished business:

1. Motion by Joyce, seconded by Barb to split the Harvest Festival offering with 50% to the Food Bank of Iowa and 50% to C.H.I.C.K.S. for women in need. Ayes all. Motion carried.
2. Discussion was held about keeping membership informed of location of services. First Lutheran and the UCC Congregational continue to share services, alternating months. Shelby will send an email every Friday to remind members where services are being held that Sunday.

Chairman reports:

Education: Dani Scheffel reports that Sunday School is going well.

Building and Grounds: Discussion was held on need for cameras at the entrances, especially the food pantry door and hallway. System should include a way for the office to interact with the person at the door. Zach will get an updated quote. Consensus was to keep the doors locked when one person is alone in the building with a sign instructing persons to call the office to be let in.

Motion by Michael, seconded Joyce to adjourn. Ayes all. Motion carried. Closed with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is November 8 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Mussman

