

Present: Pastor Birgitte, Linda Bauers, Eileen Cordray, Phyllis Paulsen, Sue Smith, Mary Sopkowiak

Call to Order: President Linda Bauers called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

All: The light no darkness can overcome.

Devotions: Given by Pastor Birgitte

Caring Conversations:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mary Sopkowiak, 2nd Eileen Cordray to approve with one addition to New Business with approval by all, the August 10, 2021 Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2021:

Motion: Eileen Cordray, 2nd Sue Smith to approve the July 21, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

Parish Council Update: Pastor Birgitte provided a report from the August 12, 2021 Parish meeting.

- Work continues in securing insurance for the Parish
- A Hospice meeting will be held on August 31, 2021 related to Lake of the Woods County needs.
- Confirmation: Sam Lyon has asked to step back from Confirmation responsibilities as she is now employed by Lake of the Woods School.
- The church secretary has requested additional work hours. The Council has agreed to 20 hours per week, and has raised the rate of pay to \$21.00 per hour.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Birgitte reviewed the July 12th – August 9th, 2021. Pastor will be completing some continuing education in September and October. On September 26, 2021 Pastor Emily Papke-Larson (BSU Campus Ministry pastor) will be with us and she will speak. The full pastor report will be attached to the minutes.

Financial Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Sopkowiak reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Phyllis Paulsen, 2nd by Eileen Cordray to approve the August 10, 2021 Treasurers report. Motion carried.
- **Financial Secretary Report:** Eileen Cordray provided the council with an update on offerings.

Old Business:

- **"Welcome Back"** to service celebration scheduled for September 12, 2021 and followed with potluck lunch.
- **Communion:** going well
- **Building use request:** Phyllis Paulsen met with Jill Hasbargen and toured some of the Sunday School rooms, library, and choir room. She will need a room to use two days per week.
- **Bible Camp Sale Funds:** We are to think about where to put this money after we receive it. The discussion will be brought up at the annual meeting.

New Business:

- **COVID** – not very much discussion
- **Practicing Resurrection:** Pastor explained that this is a meeting that is put on by the synod for all the churches to attend, and would be one Saturday each month in October, November, January, and February.

Committee Reports:

Education: No report

Evangelism: (vacant)

Property: No report

Stewardship: No report

Worship & Music: No report

FLCW Board Notes: No report

Future Meetings/Deadlines:

Parish: Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:00 pm

First Lutheran: Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00 pm

Adjournment:

Motion by Eileen Cordray, second by Phyllis Paulsen to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Smith, Acting Secretary