

All Saints Church Council Meeting

September 19, 2023, 6:30 pm

Council Present: Mike McPadden, Shelley Jagow, Paul Christopher, Katie Feltmann, Lois Panning, Chris Starr, Cassie Storms, Mike Woizeschke, Betty Zenk, Cathy Bahls

Council Not Present: Clinton Strobel

Staff Present: Pastor Matt Schroeder

Staff Not Present: Darcy Gray, Pastor Paul Stork

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Mike McPadden
- 2) Devotions – Pastor Matt, Psalm 105:4
- 3) Adopt Agenda – Motion made to adopt agenda, 2nd and approved.
- 4) Council Meeting Minutes: Approve August 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion 2nd and approved.
- 5) Pastor Matt's Report
 - i) Baptism on 9/17; funeral upcoming on 9/28
 - ii) Stiftungsfest Family Night on 8/24. There was no gate fee, so wasn't able to get exact figure on attendance. 109 kids participated in pedal pull; up from 105 last year; 453 signed up for Ninja Anywhere obstacle course; 10,000 coupons were sold that evening. Matt ran the Plinko game. Co-hosted Stiftungsfest worship service on 8/27, along with Pastor Scott from St. John's UCC and Pastor Dale from Church of Peace; Matt preached.
 - iii) Rally Sunday on 9/10. Great attendance at church; The Saints played, Sunday School kids received treat bags and met teachers. Pork Chop guys shared disappointment in turnout at the pork chop "breakfast". Will address other options for next year.
 - iv) Confirmation orientation took place on 9/13. There are 51 students in confirmation this year and we'll be focusing on our Lutheran confessions and Luther's Small Catechism.
 - v) Sunday School kicked off on 9/17; 57 enrolled in SS.
 - vi) WOW is kicking off on 9/20; 36 registered for WOW this year.
 - vii) First Bible study was morning of 9/19. Great turnout. Studying 2nd Corinthians this year.
 - viii) "Mock" pledge card, asking giving units/families if they are willing to increase pledge by 20% in 2024 to call associate pastor, will be distributed on 10/1. More will be explained at 9/24 worship service and also in e-notes and on social media.
 - ix) First men's and women's fellowship sessions will be on Saturday, 10/7.
 - x) Fare for All. Turnout has been down, probably due to free food distribution taking place the previous day. Fare for All people asked if food could be moved inside, which would require a pallet jack. Because it would put wear on the new carpet, it was agreed by the council that we would not do that. They also suggested putting down boards for pallet jack, but that idea was also vetoed as it would require additional expense and storage space, which we don't have. Matt's suggestion, which was approved by council, is to buy another rug for the entrance (a good idea for winter anyway). Going forward, we will suggest moving date of Fare For All at our church in 2024 so it isn't so close to Free Food events every month.
- 6) Pastor Paul's Report – nothing to report as Paul is on vacation

- 7) Treasurer's Report – Mike McPadden
 - i) Summer months down, which is to be expected with lower attendance. Since September is historically the "catchup" month, we expect the numbers to improve.
 - ii) Mike presented YTD results, which were positive.
 - iii) Motion made to accept August 2023 financial report. 2nd and approved.

- 8) Ministry Team Reports: Each team is expected to contact people on volunteer lists to assist with various events/activities.
 - A) Faith Formation/Fellowship (Katie Feltmann, Lois Panning, Cassie Storms, Betty Zenk)
 - i) Lisa Sauer presented ideas for ASLC "FISH" activities. Council members will be needed to head up each event, starting with Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30th. Other possible events include: Bonfire and Board Games at Sauer's home on Nov. 10th; Christmas movie, pizza and popcorn day, giving parents a day off to shop (Cassie, Lois and Matt will head up); Sliding in Waconia in Jan. (tentatively 14th. Katie Feltmann will head up; "Lasagnathon" for Hope House on Feb. 10th, Matt and Cathy will head up; Bowling with walking tacos on March 10th, Movie, pizza & popcorn at All Saints on Friday, April 19th and Bike Ride with Picnic on May 19th.
 - ii) Mike McPadden also suggested having a night at the observatory and fall craft space at church for NYA craft sale in Nov., which will have to be in 2024.
 - B) Worship/Tech (Paul Christopher, Shelley Jagow, Chris Starr)
 - i) Shelley presented proposal for new camera system to increase flexibility for baptisms, concerts, etc. Estimated system would cost \$1,700. Suggested it would make job easier for tech people, etc. Will get quotes and re-address with council.
 - ii) Cooling tech room is still an issue, which may require a new AC system by next summer. Estimated cost is \$7,000. Tabled for later.
 - C) Gratitude, Generosity and Outreach (Cathy Bahls, Shelley Jagow, Mike McPadden, Clinton Strobel, Mike Woizeschke). See Matt's notes.
 - D) Building and Grounds (Lois Panning, Chris Starr)
 - i) Carpet update: Carpet was installed quickly and efficiently by Acoustic Associates. Big thanks to Darcy and Chris who stayed late and cleaned all the dust before worship on Sunday.
 - ii) Parking lot: Mike McPadden finally heard back from Southwest Paving. They recommended waiting until next spring for seal coating due to cool nights but said they can do the crack sealing this fall yet. Will get quote and share with council via email.

- 9) Old Business
 - i) Eagle Scouts would like to make planters for raised gardens and install them soon. This would consist of two 3' x 6' raised beds, which would be located close to basketball hoops. Could build them now and plant in the spring; possibly ask for donations from congregants for plants, soil, etc.

10) New Business – None

11) Adjourn with Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting: October 17th at 6:30 p.m.