

Apostles Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
December 14, 2021 7:00 p.m.  
Vestry

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order at 6:56 PM by President Steven Eichhorn

Present: Judy Valleri, Joel Rentz, Jim Gray, Matt Berg, Al Pangle, Allen Mitchell, Barb Schneider, Maryann DiLeo, Luke Delasin, Pam Cunningham and Steve Eichhorn

Excused Absences: Sasha Banks

Also in attendance: Liz Jimenez

2. Opening Prayer by Pastor Luke. Pastor Luke offered a prayer requesting God's presence and guidance during our time of transition at Apostles.

3. Lending Library Eagle Scout Project.

- Donald Burk, Eagle Scout candidate, made a short presentation about his planned, church council approved Lending Library project.
- Council members asked several questions about scope, cost and schedule.
- Estimated cost of the project is slightly more than \$300. Donald is still in the early stage of soliciting/raising funds needed for the project. Consensus of opinion of the council is that a portion of the cost could be paid from church funds.
- Donald is moving forward and will begin construction early in the new year after finalizing details concerning materials, funding and involvement of additional scouts in the project.
- No further council action required at this point.

4. Acceptance of Minutes. Minutes of 16 November 2021 council meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Al Pangle to accept minutes. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

5. Acceptance of Financial Report.

- Motion by Jim Gray to accept the financial report. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
- Joel is developing the 2022 budget. Limited input has been received from the ministry teams.
- Joel will continue his efforts and will present a proposed 2022 budget for council approval at the January 2022 council meeting.

6. Annual Congregational Meeting.

- Annual Congregation Meeting scheduled for 12 Noon, January 30, 2022.
- Five council positions will need to be filled.
  - Four each three-year terms
  - One each one-year term
- Following individuals have stated that they will be candidates of council seats.
  - Lori Brown, Toni Carey, Steven Eichhorn, Kathleen Fallen, Pam Miller and Barb Schommer.
- The top four vote getters will serve three-year terms and the person with the fifth most votes will fill the unexpired term (one year).

## 7. Ministry Teams

- Community Outreach.
  - Report of December committee meeting submitted.
  - Gift of Hope gifts delivered on December 13.
- Faith Cultivation. No report.
- Proclamation and Witness. No report.
  - Advent wreath making went well – approximately 20 attendees.
  - Placemats for Meals on Wheels event was a success on December 11. Placemats were delivered to MOW recipients.
- Spiritual Development. No report.
- Operations.
  - Theisz Hall looks great.
  - Exterior painting will commence soon. Intention is to complete painting of the preschool during the winter school break.
  - Ceiling leak still exists above the room used for Rebecca Circle storage.
  - Mending of pot holes in the parking lot is needed. Issue will be addressed in the near future.
  - Long range projects will be addressed in the new year. Subject to availability of funding, an electronic sign along Kingsway Rd will be investigated.
  - Tree removal will be a significant budget item in next year's budget.

8. Preschool Support Team. Following individuals will comprise the team: Liz Jimenez, Jen Bidding, Joel Rentz, Maryann DiLeo and Pastor Luke.

## 9. Transition & Call Committee Process

- Synod guidance calls for our congregation to conduct a Post Call Congregation Retreat. Consensus of opinion was that the retreat content following Pastor Page's installation was largely irrelevant and the retreat was not effective. Any planned retreat will be carefully planned to address our congregation needs.
- All council members were asked to complete the Reflection on Transition Process questionnaire and forward completed questionnaire to Steven Eichhorn.

#### 10. Holiday Worship Schedule

- Christmas Eve. Services will be at 4PM and 9PM. Hand bell choir will be playing in the gazebo before the 4PM service.
- December 26. One Pastor Luke led service at 10AM.
- January 2. Lesson and Carols service at 10 AM.

#### 11. Parish Administrator's Report. Report submitted.

- Brief discussion of providing gift cards to preschool teachers. Consensus was that this was not appropriate. It was suggested that a staff lunch may be more appropriate.
- Brief discussion of providing a gift card to "Santa" for supporting the preschool Christmas program. Consensus was such a gift was inappropriate. It was suggested that having each child write a thank you letter to Santa would be more appropriate and a valuable teaching opportunity.

12. Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Gift wrapping event was a success. Event raised slightly over \$350 to support attendance at the National Youth Gathering. Thrivent Action Team funding was used to purchase necessary supplies.

#### 13. Pastor's Report. Report submitted.

- Pastor is looking at current Facebook setup.
- Pastor will be meeting with Gary Adams concerning Apostles Village needs and concerns.
- Currently planning for midweek Lenten soup suppers and services each week. More to follow. Ash Wednesday is March 2; Easter is April 17.

14. Other Business. Apostles' 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in February 2022. Possibility to combine a celebration with a congregation retreat was briefly discussed. Steven Eichhorn will investigate possibilities and report at the January 2022 council meeting.

15. Adjournment/Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Next scheduled meeting is at 7:00pm Tuesday, January 11, 2022.