



****Agenda Deadline: Thursday PRIOR to Council Meeting**

If there is an item you would like on the Agenda OR supporting documentation you want printed to provide at the meeting, this needs to be to Meg NO LATER THAN the Thursday PRIOR to the Council Meeting.

**May 11th, 2023
Council Agenda**

1. **Leading From Your Strengths:** Presented by Pastor Angie. Hard copies of individual surveys handed out. Pastor Angie asked individual members to share statements about themselves form the first 3 paragraphs of the General Characteristics. Questions asked were how members were affected by what we hear others say about themselves? What is the #1 strength we bring to the council team?
2. **Call to Order:** Deborah Schmalz
3. **Devotions:** Elizabeth **Volunteer for June:** Jerry
4. **Establish a Quorum:** A quorum was established with the following present: Deborah, Todd, Elizabeth, Lonnie, Sandy, Jerry, Brent, Erin
5. **Additions and Approval of the Agenda** Approved as presented
6. **Generosity/Grace/Faith Moments**
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes** Motion to approve by Lonnie, second by Sandy Motion Carried
 - b. **Pastors Report** verbally. It has been a busy month, Hard month with the funerals and Kristin leaving. Pastor thankful for the staff and congregation members help and for all that was accomplished. Staff meeting to plan ahead for the summer.
 - c. **Treasurers Report** Elizabeth will add the motion that was made via email by Sandy and seconded by Deborah to move \$10,000 from Mission Investment Checking account to the general fund to cover expenses to the May Treasurers report.
 - d. **WELCA** No report as the meeting isn't until May 21st
8. **Continuing Discussion**
 - a. **Concrete Work Timeline / Foundation Request Update:** Bottom line: Foundation will pay 50% of whatever the final cost of the concrete and the other 50% will be paid from the church cash on hand as was voted on at the annual meeting. Foundation says its investment account value has gone down recently. Jerry will remove the existing concrete and that should reduce the final cost.

- b. **Piano Sale / Purchase Update** No movement on the sale as of yet. Julie looked for someone to fix the organ and found someone from Iowa who will come and take a look at the organ.
- c. **ChurchTrac Personal Information Update**
 - i. Meg was available before and after Worship on April 30th and May 7th
 - ii. 51/229 Checked in No further discussion on this
 - 1. Email, phone call and physical mailing will go out THIS WEEK
- d. **Fisherman's Party and Memory Days Discussion and Planning:** WELCA doing something at the park for Fisherman's party. Not sure what yet.
- e. **Memory Days Talent Show and Ice Cream Social.** Will there be a dinner as in years past? Need to know the deadline. Jeff Larson will be asked to help and coordinate the dinner.
- f. **Congregational Giving Discussion**
 - i. **Deborah Schmalz report on Stewardship Meeting:** It was a productive first meeting discussing how to get the message across to the congregation on generosity and spiritual giving. Some good ideas were discussed. We need transparency. Congregation members stories on what generosity means to them. There are many ways to get our message out.
 - ii. Meg is working with Bruce Christensen on a "Giving Graphic" to be displayed in the Narthex.

9. Mission and Ministry

- a. **Vote to add Deborah and Sandy as signers to the RCU Account:** Motion to add Deborah and Sandy as signers to the RCU Account by Jerry, second by Brent Motion Carried
- b. **Use of Parsonage Money:** Pastor Angie spoke of 10/10/80 idea of giving, saving and spending and proposed that an example of tithing would be that Joy give tithe 10% which would be \$23,500. But to lead by example and show true faithful giving and generosity she proposed that we use \$120,000 of the parsonage funds and payoff the Feed My Neighbor Community Food Pantry building so that it is owned and not leased. Pastor handed out the Feed My Neighbor Community Food Pantry information from start to present and numbers of how many people it has served in the month of April. Also distributed was a handout called the Generosity Guide for council to read and think about her proposal for the next meeting so it can be presented to the congregation going forward.
- c. **Motion by Jerry close the Joy Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry.** Second by Lonnie. Motion Carried.
 - i. RCU is currently paying 4.85% on a 6 month CD

10. Adjourn Meeting Motion to Adjourn by Sandy, Second by Jerry. Motion Carried