

Church Council Minutes – January 8, 2025

The Church Council met on January 8, 2025. Those in attendance were Mark Stroman, Amanda Pfenninger, Keith Cornish, Heather Roeske, and Cynthia Barnhill. President Mark Stroman opened with prayer at 6:06pm. The minutes from the December meeting were read. Amendment to remove Keith from the attendance list and add Wayne as the second for treasure's report were noted. Heather moved to accept the amended minutes; Keith seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Keith moved to accept the report, Cynthia seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The calendar was reviewed. Added Pastor Reitmeyer to do the church service and communion on Sunday, February 2nd. Added an open house for the Parsonage on Sunday, February 9th. The February council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Trees trimmed with money donated. Russell and Ann are scheduled for this month.

Altar Guild – ½ carafe left; need more consecrated wine and bread before February services.

Women's Unity – Published yearbooks.

Cemetery – Reviewed the Cemetery Committee's Annual Report.

Call committee – Heather was contacted by Pastor Shelly Schultz because she received an email from someone in our congregation; still the same update on number of pastors; suggests growing a pastor from within; Heather asked Pastor Shelly to send someone to explain "growing a pastor from within" during a Sunday.

Sunday School/Confirmation – Shortage on kids in attendance; confirmation is on track; the Confirmation service is scheduled for June 8th.

Nominating Committee – Report reviewed; three names were submitted: Wayne Gisler (second term), Steve Paulsgrove, and Pat Graham; Heather moved to accept the nominees and report, Cynthia seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Mark Stroman's position on the Church Council will be vacant this year.

Old Business

Bylaw consideration for charitable donations – all in favor to remove this item from the agenda.

Interim Pastor update – The new schedule for lay pastors was reviewed and accepted.

Pastor Plaque – Keith still working on it.

Parsonage Update – Per Tim Westphal, small things left to do; prepped for attic insulation and finally cleaning to be done; painting done on carport and shed; contractor to give

closing costs soon; we are currently under budget; Open House scheduled for February; discussion for roof replacement to be held after open house and completion.

Budget 2025 – Added learning material to Confirmation expenses and SOLA to Publication expense which resulted in a \$900 increase; moved parsonage and church insurance together; Heather moved to accept the budget; Amanda seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Annual Meeting, Annual Reports, Venison Fry – Annual meeting and venison fry are scheduled for January 26th; Annual Reports are due by Thursday, January 9th; church member to bring desserts and sides for venison fry.

New Business

Mark Stroman to complete Council Report and Worship Committee Report.

Renee Stroman to complete Bereavement Committee Report.

Keith moved the meeting to be adjourned; Heather seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:12.

Submitted by: *Amanda Pfenninger* – Council Member