

**All Saints Lutheran Church**

4800 All Saints Rd NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Church Council

Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024

6:30pm

Prepared by Megan Barnes, Secretary

Attending: Pastor Kristin Schultz, Denise Winn, Megan Barnes, Tom Becker, Daniel Mazan, Kurt Rager, Fabian Enriquez, and Meredyth Jones

Not attending: Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, Frank Orton, and Anne Carpenter-Wilson

1. **Meeting Called to Order/Devotion:** Denise called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Meredyth shared an opening devotion with us.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Denise asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the March 14, 2024 council meeting minutes, the committee reports, and the agenda for the evening. Tom moved to approve the consent agenda, and Meredyth seconded the motion. Denise called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Report:**
  - a. Dan reported that Lyndi Dittmer-Perry and Denise Winn need to present themselves to US Bank with the meeting minutes from last month that verify their status as new signors on the accounts. The administration of the credit card has also been transferred from Kris Ericson to Dan Mazan. Diana Lewis and Jim Kruger have been removed as signors on the account.
  - b. Dan also reported that church financials are up for the month, but preschool financials are down. This is due to two reasons: the preschool isn't getting any grant income and four families didn't pay their tuition in March. Fabian reported that those delinquent tuitions have now been paid.
  - c. Finally, Dan highlighted that our PNM bill for the month was a \$15 credit to our account due to the solar panels.
4. **Pastor Report/Q&A:** Pastor Kristin reported that our in-person attendance is up, and our Zoom attendance has remained steady. Kurt asked about the status of the Pride Parade in June, and Kristin reported that thus far no one is able to take charge of coordination, and so our participation this year is dependent on availability of a coordinator.

5. **Property Report:** Tom provided property updates in several areas.
  - a. HVAC: The property has gathered two price estimates and will be joining the development committee for a meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and they will suggest that the church plan on spending around \$225,000 over the next four or five years to replace the units. Tom also reported that the equipment likely won't be available for around 36 weeks after we place the order.
  - b. Solar Update: Jim Kruger sent the council a memo recommending the use of PPC Solar on an "on call basis" without a contract and to plan to have them inspect the system once a year. Executive Council also discussed his memo and brought a similar recommendation to not to engage in a contract at this time. The council discussed the recommendation and agreed.
  - c. Janitorial Progress: Kristin reported that Krysta is gathering a list of what the church expects to have cleaned by our janitorial service, and Tom reported that Mel and Kristin met with Sasha DeGroot and she is interested in providing janitorial services and we expect to have a quote from her by Sunday for cleaning the church as an independent contractor.
  - d. Kitchen Hood Update: Mel and Tom found someone to bring the kitchen hood up to code and the estimate for the work is \$796.
  
6. **Preschool Report:** On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Denise sent out an e-mail asking council members to reply to an electronic vote to ask for approval to hire Toni Montes, who has a MA in Education, to replace former teacher, Bessie Sue, in the 2 and 3 year old room. The council approved the vote through e-mail and Toni will start on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Denise called for a motion to approve our e-mail vote. Megan moved and Tom seconded the motion, and the council voted to approve our electronic vote.
  
7. **Constitution Task Force Update:** Denise reported that she discussed the progress of the task force with Kris Ericson. Kris stated that the task force has met twice, and that their focus currently is on updating the committee sections of the constitution, but that they are currently updating the preschool constitution policies as well. Kris also explained that the council portion was updated two years ago and is current.
  
8. **New Business:** Due to multiple scheduling conflicts, the council retreat tentatively scheduled for May will be postponed until Fall when Pastor Kristin returns from sabbatical. Denise also reminded us about Council Installation at the April 21<sup>st</sup> service at 10am.
  
9. **Next Meeting Date:** Our next council meeting will be on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm, and Tom will give our opening devotion.
  
10. **Future Agenda Items:** The new Garden Club wants to host an event to clean up our grounds, and Meredyth offered to begin discussing details with them at their next

meeting. Denise also reminded us that September 1<sup>st</sup> after the service, the congregation will be adding glass to the mosaic that will be created this summer.

**11. For the Good of the Order:**

**12. Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Pastor Kristin closed us with prayer and Denise adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.