



**Council Meeting  
Monday, August 19, 2024**

**Call to Order:** 6:32 pm

**Establish a quorum/present:** Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, Brian Gieseke, Lindsay Cornell, Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Dan Jacobson, Dan Bishop, Heather Nybo, and Dennis Tietz

**Devotion** by Brian Gieseke

**Community Leader:** Welcome Lori and Julie from the New Prague Library

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda** by Cornell, second by Gieseke, motion approved.

**Motion to Approve the July Minutes** by Cornell, second by Gieseke, motion approved.

**Motion to Book the KC Hall for a cost of \$1,800** by Lee, seconded by Nybo, motion approved.

**NEXT Facility Update (Laura Magnuson):**

- Construction: Fire system panel locations, flooring/countertop finishes selected, master keying plans, and kitchen equipment spec review
- Technology: Tech and musician needs assessment/plan development, electrical requirements for tech
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment/owner supplied: Paint supplies/account established for sales tax savings, furniture lookbook developed, room numbering complete, accent walls/artwork/signature pieces TBD, owner-supplied work coordination (AV wiring, painting, etc)
- Coordinating with staff: Fall programming plans, reopening planning, birthday party planning, and gift list creation
- Construction progress: Framing complete, sheetrock installation, platform handrail installation, HVAC being installed, electrical being installed, kitchen demo underway, exterior concrete prep underway, started CYF room painting
- Schedule:
  - Target final inspection Thurs, Oct 17
  - Furniture and tech installations Oct 21-25
  - Last worship in temporary locations – Sun, Oct 20 and Wed, Oct 23
  - Open house and/or ribbon cutting TBD
  - First worship in renovated sanctuary – Sun, Oct 27 and Wed, Oct 30

**President's Report:**

- School supply giveaway was a great success.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Next Campaign Pledges:
    - 2023 Pledges Received: \$42,700
    - 2024 Pledges Received: \$642,181
    - Total Pledges Received: \$684,881
- Total Pledged: \$1,252,399    Total Pledged Amount Remaining: \$567,518**

2024 Financial Summary	July 2024 Budget	July 2024 Actual
Revenue	\$56,432	\$48,901
Expenses	\$50,338	\$36,287
Revenue – Expenses	-\$6,094	-\$12,614

YTD Finances as of July 31st, 2024	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual
YTD Revenue	\$366,163	\$384,188
YTD Expenses	\$386,275	\$370,233
YTD Excess	-\$20,112	\$13,956

**Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report** by Gieseke, second by Cornell, motion approved.

**Motion to approve using Mission Investment Fund for the construction line of credit and operating line of credit** by Gieseke, second by Tietz, motion approved.

**Motion to deny \$5,000 in funds to cover potential overdraft fees for Cristo Obrero Ministries** by Tietz, second Bishop, motion approved.

**Pastor Alicia’s Report:**

- **Motion to approve the Cash Handling Policy** by Bishop, second by Cornell, motion approved.
- **Motion to approve the Child Protection Policy pending review by an attorney and insurance**, by Nybo, second by Cornell, motion approved.
- **Motion to approve the Children’s Ministry Worker Application** by Bishop, second by Tietz, motion approved.
- **Motion to approve the following Endowment team requests** by Tietz, second by Nybo, motion approved.
  - \$1,500 to Peace Center Food Shelf-Rita Goggins
  - \$1,500 Cristo Obrero-Pastor Jorge Espinoza
  - \$500 LeSueur County Santa Anonymous-LuAnn Leach
  - \$1,000 Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities-Lisa Michaelson
  - \$1,000 HTLC Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal-Donna Galvin
  - \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Caroling- Donna Galvin
  - \$1,800 HTLC Temporary Worship Location-Dan Smith

**Pastor Ben's Report:**

- Changes to worship this Fall during the construction
  - Sundays: Fellowship Hall, crew time for duration of service, confirmation now offered after Sunday worship
  - Wednesdays: KC Hall, 5-6 pm dinner and worship, students back to HTLC by 7:00 pm for confirmation

**Old Business:**

- NA

**New Business:**

- Fall Planning
- Bishop Installation, Sept. 21 (Central Lutheran)

**Communicate to members that any member questions/concern can be sent to council email for reply.**

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 8:47 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Sept. 16, 2024

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Kickoff Sept 8 and 11
- 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party: Sept 22 and 25