**Shepherd of the Sierra Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date**: August 13, 2024

**Called to Order:** 6:00 PM by President Jim Blatchford

**Present**: Pastor C, Jim Blatchford, Debbie H, Kristin T, Cherie H, Jack C, Marcia , Rex, Cathie C, Doris Blatchford (via phone)

Guests: Karen S, Murl W, Ardell S

**Opening Prayer**: Pastor C (Parable – Matthew 20:1-16)

**Public Comments:**  Murl W and Ardell S stated they live in Carson City and have attended services at SOS and are interested in learning more about our church.

**President’s Comments:** President Blatchford welcomed the guests and thanked those present who had recently painted the multipurpose room (it looks great). President Blatchford reported that the letter with SOS’s concerns has been submitted regarding the new building proposal on the property adjacent to our church.

**Minutes: M/S/C** to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024, Council Meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**: See Report. Cherie H addressed all questions and concerns and reported that the first payroll has been processed (submitted on every other Friday with payday on the following Friday). **M/S/C** to accept Treasurer’s Report as presented and the Transaction List by Vendor.

**Financial Secretary Report**: See Report. Kristin T reported that the Housing Fund donations as of August 11, 2024 are $25,050.00.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor C shared his thoughts on the direction he would like the church to follow. He presented a chart on Connect, Engage and Share and how these areas can be accomplished by the members of the church. Discussed time, talent and tithing. He is looking forward to the Bible Study class which will start this Sunday following the church service. There will be new branding and messaging for the church which will include a new logo with new colors, style guide and fonts. SLHS Outreach is important. Jim Blatchford will reach out to SLHS to determine if any students are interested in assisting with the sound system and technology areas.

**Elders Report:** See Report. Jack C reported that the Elders are looking at the attendance list. Jim Blatchford will send the most current attendance list to Jack.

**Trustees Report**: See Report. Rex R explained the church water consumption and how the water rights work. He advised that if the water is not used, the water rights could be forfeited.

**Facilities Manager:** See Report. Doris Blatchford reported that Jim M replaced the outside flags. Doris is in the process of composing a letter to the first responders in the community to determine if they would be interested in using the church for training drills. This would make the agencies aware of the layout of our church in case of a real emergency.

**Evangelism Report**: See Report. Cathie C reported that a representative from Operation Christmas Child will be at the church on August 23 (set up) and August 25 to explain the program. The Evangelism Team has been discussing “Come and See Sunday” (bring someone to church) event in October.

**Fellowship Report:** See Report. The next major church event is Oktoberfest on October 13th (originally scheduled for September 29th and changed after this meeting). Matt S is finalizing the date for the chili cookoff for November 10th or 17th. Discussed more involvement with Bethlehem Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and SLHS for this event. Discussed placing tables on the patio for overflow from the fellowship hall which would allow parents of children to be closer to the swings and playground area.

**eCommunications Report:** See Report. Jim Blatchford reported that Pastor C has the church cell phone. The IPad is working well for watching the doors of the church during the services.

**Old Business:**

**Recent Gift Priorities:**

1. Large TV (80”) (eCommunications)
2. Stand for Large TV (eCommunications)
3. Hi Top Table and Chairs (eCommunications

These chairs will be placed in the narthex area and will be matching and multi-heights (replace couch) for a coffee shop atmosphere

1. New SOTSL Sign (eCommunications)
2. Lighting Sidewalks (Facilities)
3. Janitor Cabinet (Pres)
4. Outside BBQ/picnic tables/shade sail
5. Locking Mailbox (low priority)
6. New Safe (low priority)

**Carpet Replacement in Office and Multipurpose Room:** Jack C reported that the estimated cost for materials (vinyl) is approximately $3,675.00. He will get an estimate from Home Depot for materials and installation.

**Printer Savings:** Lennie L will have a report at next month’s meeting.

**Annual Events:** (tentatively scheduled)**:**

October 13 – Oktoberfest ( (moved from September 29th after this meeting)

October 13 – Voters’ Meeting

Nominations: Offices up for election are President, Vice President, Evangelism, Education (vacant), Stewardship (vacant), Trustee (see below)

November 10 or 17 – Chili Cookoff (Matt Schober)

November 24 – Thanksgiving Feast (Marcia)

November 30 – Cookie Exchange and Sanctuary Decorating

December 4/11/18 – Soup Suppers and Advent Services (Fellowship)

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

**New Business:**

**Discussion Items:** Rex R reported that the first meeting of the Safety Committee went well with the insurance agents providing useful information and resources. Rex would like the Safety Committee to be a stand alone committee with its own budget (create a new class in the budget). He would be willing to head up the committee (resign from Trustee position) and hold some meetings at night to accommodate those committee members who are not available for meetings during the day.

**Next Meeting:** September 10, 2024

**Public Comments:** None.

**Closing Prayer**: Rex R

**Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie H