



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**May 5, 2015
Minutes**

President – Joe Jorgensen	P	Vice-President - Andrew Wilkins	P	Secretary – Linda Bauer	P
Alan Ritchie	P	Sharon Buckley	P	Christian Donovan	P
Lucky Rimpila	P			Guest – Jeanne Nash Hoffmann	P
Pastor David Mesaros	P	Treasurer – Rachel Fausch	P	Steven Olan – CYF Leader	P

Call To Order: President Joe Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

A. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – Matthew 28. Discussion on a time in our lives that Jesus stopped us on the road to confirm a direction in our lives.

B. Approved Agenda for May 5, 2015. Motion made by Lucky Rimpila and seconded by Sharon Buckley to approve agenda as distributed at the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. Approve Minutes from April 7, 2015. Motion made by Andrew Wilkins and seconded by Alan Ritchie to approve minutes from April 7, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. Council Information and Reports

1. Treasurer’s Report: See Attached

Rachel Fausch presented the Treasurer’s report for February for review. General Fund balance from the report was \$ 80,502.68 with an additional \$7,829.75 in the Capital Fund. The Checking Account balance was \$100,000.33 and the Savings Balance of \$ 156,113.54.

Discussion: Rachel reported that she was off on the Treasurer’s Report but will find the difference and report next month. Due to time limitation on the office computer it was suggested that Rachel get a computer – it was decided to hold off for now; the balance on the Youth Debit Card was transferred to the General Fund; the youth funds for fundraisers are net funds (expenses have been taken into account); since the youth funds in the past have only been used for camp we will see more youth funds used (but not for activities). Rachel has transferred funds to youth for the initial, 2012, 2013 and 2014 fundraising amounts.

Motion made by Christian Donovan and seconded by Sharon Buckley to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. Pastor's Report: See Attached

The cooking event (millennium event) was a success – over 20 people attended. New Member Gathering had 5 completed request for membership. Reminder of Blessing of the Land this Sunday, May 10.

Motion made by Lucky Rimpila and seconded by Andrew Wilkins to receive the Pastor's report as presented with the correction of baptism name of Ruby Joelle Spors. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. CYF Leader Report: See Attached

Finishing Confirmation. Easter Egg Hunt and Youth Breakfast were successful.

Motion made by Sharon Buckley and seconded by Alan Ritchie to receive CYF Leader Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Ministry Board Report: See Attached

Steven Olan is working with the Ministry Board to reorganize the "Faith Formation" umbrella. A final report will be presented after some editing is completed.

Motion made by Sharon Buckley and seconded by Lucky Rimpila to receive the Ministry Board report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Ministry Teams Reports: See Attached

Discussion of timeliness of reports. The Ministry Teams should all have the new format and aware of the 1 week deadline. Linda Bauer will post a notice in the Newsletter and Announcements to remind of the deadline.

The new format Mission report was received after the deadline and will have to be submitted as an updated report with the June agenda packet. Future agenda will combine the Ministry Board and Ministry Team reports.

Motion made by Christian Donovan and seconded by Andrew Wilkins to receive the Ministry Teams Reports as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. Property Committee Report: (See Attached)

Sound abatement update – Christian Donovan and Warren Peterson have 2 quotes and will meet with both vendors to put together a list of questions to compare apples-to-apples. They should have a good estimate in two to three weeks.

The rest of the Property Commission information is under Old Business

Motion made by Sharon Buckley and seconded by Christian Donovan to accept the Property Committee Report as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. Old Business

1. Property Committee update on Research for Pew Replacement – BE IT RESOLVED, that, after listening to the recommendations from the Décor Advisory Committee to not replace the pews with chairs in the chapel, the following motion was made:

Motion by Sharon Buckley and seconded by Linda Bauer to move forward with replacing the pews in the chapel area with chairs. Approval of the purchase 75 chairs with storage dolly and ganging capabilities, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000

AND the funds to come from the Clubb/Ames Memorial Fund

AND the pews to stored offsite for one year.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Property Committee 2015 Project List –

BE IT RESOLVED, that, after going through the 2015 Project List line items and making adjustments, the following motion was made:

Motion by Andrew Wilkins and seconded by Alan Ritchie to approve 2015 Project List with the following corrections:

The outside landscaping is down to \$3,000; the sound abatement is up to \$9,000; the soundboard is taken off the list; the Foundation matching amount to be determined; the amount of the CLCW breakfast will be factored in

AND the final amount not to exceed \$30,000

AND a Capital Campaign letter to go out as soon as possible.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Property Committee Landscape Proposal -

The Eagle Scout backed out due to family issues. Jeanne Nash Hoffmann has contacted another Eagle Scout but has not heard back. The amount under 2015 Project List for landscaping was reduced down to \$3,000 for that reason.

4. Report on Personnel Handbook –

Sharon Buckley and Lucky Rimpila have made some progress and Sharon Buckley will have a draft next month.

5. Report on open positions on the Ministry Board and Ministry Teams –

No additions. Joe Jorgensen asked if we could check the Time & Talent sheets for names.

6. Report on filling open position on Executive Council –

The Nominating Committee is working on this with no new candidates.

7. Report on outside audit –

Joe Jorgensen spoke with Jackie DuLac. Jackie has checked with other churches but has not got a quote. Preliminary research shows an outside audit could cost as much as \$25,000. Other discussion center on frequency and guidelines. Joe will check with Jackie so we can get guidance.

8. Report on Personnel Committee –

Sharon Buckley has requested help with names. Joe Jorgensen has asked Paula Anderson and she is considering it. Pastor Dave will give names of people that may be considered.

9. Report on Electronic Voting at Annual Meeting – Sharon Buckley reported she is in contact with Bob Monio and will have more to come.

10. Report on Website –

Andrew Wilkins reported that the Augsburg Fortress website company is called American Church, Inc. The start-up fee is \$500 and \$50 a month. Linda Bauer reported that she had looked at Wix.com and has been working with Bob Monio on the demo. Bob is willing to meet with members of the council or congregation that may have questions about the website or transition.

Andrew, Bob and Linda will meet on Sunday, May 10 at 9:30am in Steven's Office to discuss both options in order to compare apples-to-apples.

The Executive Council gave permission to proceed with a new website.

11. Report on Church Data Task Force –

It looks like the Church Data may fall under the umbrella of the Church website so we will wait until the website is in place first.

F. New Business

1. Acceptance of Students to be confirmed on May 17, 2015. See attached list.
Motion made by Sharon Buckley and seconded by Alan Ritchie to accept the list Confirmands for Affirmation of Baptism on May 17, 2015.
The Executive Council was encouraged to attend the Sharing of Faith Statements on May 13 at 7:00pm and the Confirmation Service on May 17 at 1:00pm.

G. Set Agenda for Next Meeting:

Meeting set for Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Combine Ministry Board and Ministry Team reports

Combine Website and Church Data reports

1. Report on Personnel Handbook
2. Report on filling open position on Executive Council
3. Report on outside audit
4. Report on Personnel Committee
5. Report on Electronic Voting at Annual Meeting
6. Report on Website and Church Data Task Force

H. Adjournment:

Motion made by and seconded Alan Ritchie by Lucky Rimpila to adjourn.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

I. Meeting closed in joining in the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bauer
Executive Council Secretary