

LOTM Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Attendance: Jay Meservy, Christy Reinking, Kevin Clarke, Doug Muschett, Pastor Kate Davidson, Lydia Ziauddin, Craig Bolt, Ruth Hendricks, Alicia Dunn, Amie Branson
Excused: Ben Little, Catheryn Carlson *Guests:* Joe Fassel, Norm Wright

Jay opened with a quote from Maya Angelou (“...people will never forget how you made them feel”) and a reading from 1 Cor 13, sharing about his grandmother Lorraine who died in January and who is remembered for making others (everyone!) feel loved.

Newly re-elected and elected council members were welcomed: Jay Meservy, Kevin Clarke and Alicia Dunn.

January council minutes were approved.

Council officers will continue as Craig Bolt (president), Catheryn Carlson (treasurer), Lydia Ziauddin (secretary) and potentially Alicia Dunn as VP.

Motion was made and seconded for the Facilities Committee to be authorized to proceed with the replacement of the **Fellowship Hall windows**. Craig summarized that the committee is divided as to the best plan to proceed – whether to replace the windows or repair the window sills, etc. Joe Fassel and Norm Wright shared a verbal proposal that repairs are their recommendation for the fellowship hall and offered to provide the skilled labor for this project. Council invited them to send a written proposal to the council for further consideration by the end of the month.

Commented [RZ1]:

Pastor’s Report: Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent) is in two weeks. During Wednesdays in Lent, we will meet at 6 pm for soup supper and 7 pm for Evening Prayer. A candidate will come in next week for an interview or the office administrator position. Donna Clark has agreed to continue to serve in the interim position. Jenny continues to work on bulletins and e-news from home with Donna’s help. Caroline will take on some responsibilities of the Director of Music position (including directing the choir and selecting music) in Chris Keelan’s absence.

Craig asked Council members to review the document prepared by Dave Domzal about the written proposal for **Day Services** to become an independent non-profit organization so that we can have an informed discussion at our next meeting. A Board of Directors would need to be implemented as part of this transition and that Board could include members of the congregation. Council briefly discussed the advantages of providing a structure to ensure the vision and vitality of Day Services into the future.

Other Committees:

Finance (Craig): LOTM’s 2023 budget was approved at the annual meeting.

Worship (Christy): There is a hopeful feeling among the worship committee about the future including current leadership by Caroline, as well as gratitude for Chris’ ministry.

Education (Doug): Everyone is invited to a table talk this Sunday; this is a feedback session to consider ideas for future table talks.

Capital Campaign (Ruth): There is a mailbox in the office now for the "Capital Campaign". We have \$47,000 already in-hand toward the campaign.

Other subjects: The town has issued an updated plan re: the Roundabout near the church. Church members are invited to an upcoming town meeting for further discussion. One person is still needed for the nominating committee, preferably a male for balance. Synod Assembly representatives include Ken Maldonado and possibly Karen Johns.*

The next meeting will take place on Tue, March 14 at 5:30 pm. Ruth offered to lead devotions and Craig offered to help with refreshments.

The meeting closed with the quote and Scripture that started the meeting.

*Ken and Karen were approved as Synod Assembly lay voting members through email voting later in February.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin