

Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023

In Attendance: Craig Bolt, Kevin Clarke, Jay Meservy, Lydia Ziauddin, Pastor Kate, Christy Reinking, Ben Little, Doug Muschett, Catheryn Carlson

Excused: Amie Branson, Ruth Hendricks, Alicia Dunn

Meeting began at 5:30 pm with a devotion by Doug from Richard Rohr about consuming Jesus so we can consume less material goods.

September council minutes were approved.

Pastor's report highlights: Saved by the Wine midweek bible study is ongoing; we welcomed 5 new members last month; Sound Board is being assessed for further needs; office is in process of switching to a new church database from Servant Keeper; two new security cameras have been installed; member Ken Maldonado is beginning candidacy for ordination in the ELCA and LOTM is his home/sponsoring congregation; Pastor's upcoming time away includes Thanksgiving week, 1/27-2/3 in Puerto Rico, 2/4-2/9 in Winter Park for continuing education.

Call Every Member: Council members are invited to send their summaries out to the council as they continue to complete their call list.

Personnel: Caroline rewrote the music and choir director job description which is being reviewed by the committee.

Worship and Music: Bell Choir welcomed two new participants. Choir is fluctuating in number of participants from week to week.

Finance & Stewardship: We are behind in income received though we are improving: 178K collected v 210K pledged for this time in the year. Expenses remain below budget.

Education: Committee hopes to rebook Hunter Lovin to speak on Sustainability for Earth Day (April). The last session of Table Talk's End of Life series will take place on Nov 19.

Capital Campaign: Paint Night last month was a success in bringing people together. Kevin offered to lead a breads class in the new year.

Property: Jonathan Sinclair changed lights and cut down trees in the parking lot for better visibility.

Other items: Annual Meeting will take place on January 21; special congregational meeting will take place on Dec 3. Synod Assembly will take place April 25-27.

Catheryn offered to lead the reflection at our next meeting at our next meeting on Dec. 12.

Meeting closed with prayer and reflection on being a “Christmas Christian” from Doug.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Ziauddin