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Council Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President	Ted Steinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worship	Mary Glenn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	Jan Moody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside Community	Anne Monson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	Linnea Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each Other	Carrie Enockson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	Janis Farrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pastor	Veronika Czutor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Administration	Mark Buie			

Committee Representatives Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth	TJ Goins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	Alesia Pearson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mission/Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewardship	Paul Chambers

Members Present:

Jeff Lowry observing, Lisa Barse speaking, Alesia Pearson speaking

Guests:

Pastor Wayne Menking

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:54 am by Ted Steinke.

The Pastor began the meeting with the Aaronic Blessing.

Lydia Circle Project

Lisa Barse and Alesia Pearson spoke on behalf of Lydia Circle, which has identified a long-term project. They outlined some of the project and asked someone on the Council to be a point of contact for the group. The project includes identifying and creating a space that is comfortable for youth to connect and gather. Ted volunteered to be the point person from Council.

Minutes

The June 9, 2024 and June 14, 2024 minutes were approved.

Pastor's report – Written report submitted by submitted by Pastor Veronika.

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Pastor highlighted vacation time July 25 – August 5, 2024.

Treasurer's Report – Written report submitted by Janis Farrow.

1. There is a net surplus for the month of July in the amount of \$288.73. The surplus is a result of SDA paying us twice in June the \$4,000 – May and June; otherwise, there would have been a deficit in the approximate amount of (\$3,700). Good news for a change is that our expenses were relatively low with no large expenditures. However, the 2024 YTD deficit is (\$50,393) vs 2023 YD deficit of (\$25,212.41).
2. I have not been transferring the \$13,000 for payroll as approved by the congregation; instead, I transfer only what is necessary from the Comerica Money Market account which is what would otherwise, be available to draw from. However, it may still be necessary in the near future to make transfers from the Bethany Legacy Fund. I am trying and hoping not to use the Legacy Funds for this if possible so that the Fund can continue to grow to benefit whatever ministries the congregation decides to support.
3. In June there were no CDs to mature so the interest income is much lower. In July there will be one CD in the amount of \$137,000 to mature with a projected interest income of about \$6,000. The Bethany Legacy Fund currently consists of eight (8) CDs totaling \$1,072,000 and two (2) money market accounts totaling \$109,828.26; one of the money market accounts is earning 5% totaling \$1,181,828.26.
4. The grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the ELCA for the Congregations Lead Initiative Project was received on July 3rd. The grant period is from June 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024. It is my understanding that only expenditures relating to the Community Chats are to be paid from the \$1,000 grant – will the CLI Committee confirm this for me and the council. My second question is if less than the \$1,000 grant is used for Community Chats what happens to the remaining balance – is it to be repaid to the ELCA or does Central keep the remaining funds without restrictions for it use. Through June 30, 2024, the only expenditure has been for the use of the Lochwood Library this past week.
5. Per the 2024 Budget as approved by the congregation includes contributing 2% of income. You each received a copy of the worksheet detailing the calculation for the balance of the amount

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due to the NTNL Synod for the 1st six months of 2024 - \$3,199.37 is the calculated amount and we have already funded \$2,000.04 leaving a balance of \$1,199.33 to be sent to the NTNL Synod in July 2024.

6. The Central Lutheran Church Accounting Practices has been developed; you each received a copy in Saturday's email. The Finance Committee has approved this and I am now asking for the council review and approval.

7. The 2nd Q 2024 Form 941 (Payroll Tax Return) was filed with the IRS on July 2nd.

8. Has the review committee been contacted to schedule the review as we discussed at the last council meeting: I have not been contacted by any of the review committee members to schedule the review.

There was a motion and approval of the Central Lutheran Church Accounting Policy.

There was a motion and approval of the amount and payment for the 1st six months due to the synod.

There was a motion and approval of the Treasurer's report.

Administration – Written report submitted by Mark Buie.

Ted and Mark will continue to monitor the AC unit in the sanctuary due to it shutting off intermittently.

Worship – Written report submitted by Mary Glenn.

Pastor is requesting that the smaller altar be available in the sanctuary, to bring the service closer to the participants. The Council has requested the committee to continue investigation and provide measurements and a diagram.

Mission & Outreach/Evangelism – Written report submitted by Anne Monson.

Donated Christmas cards will be packaged for sale.

More Blessing bags were requested.

Education & Youth/Stewardship – Written report submitted by Carrie Enocksen.

Vacation Bible School and Community Cookout were successful, with involvement from some community members.

Sunday School kick off will include a table for each ministry to highlight their program.

Old Business:

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New Business:

ILE: Pastor met with Pastor Oscar and brought forward that the ILE congregation is interested in worshipping at the Central Lutheran facility. The Council came to a consensus that it is worth investigating and having Pastor Irma meet with Pastor Oscar.

Hope Dallas approached Anne about possibly working with them. From their website [Hope Dallas | Transforming and Building Strong Lives](#), Hope Dallas is: A missional community of reproducing disciples and micro churches that seeks to fill Dallas with the life, hope, justice, and beauty of Jesus. The Council came to the consensus that Anne can look further into this.

Feedback Time with Wayne:

Wayne offered some reflective feedback and critique on what was transpiring during the meeting. He observed that the Council has a proclivity to escalate.

He will be guiding us through the difference in Content (Factual) vs. Process (Emotional). And asked us to Hear, Listen and Forgive.

Homework: What did you hear about yourself today? Evaluate how you are participating in what is happening in the room.

Wayne requested another session prior to the next meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The meeting was closed at 2:45 with the reading of a version of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linnea Castillo

Dates of Next Council Meetings:

August 11

September 8

October 13