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Council Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President	Ted Steinke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship	Mary Glenn
<input checked="" 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:

None

Guests:

None

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 am by Ted Steinke.

The Pastor began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Minutes

The July Council minutes were approved.

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

Pastor extended an invitation to a synod event.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) – October 11 – 12 at King of Glory Lutheran: Ask Lydia circle who may want to attend.

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

Janis led a devotional on Fix It vs embracing spirituality intention.

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1. There is a net deficit for the month of August in the amount of (\$2,770.91). The deficit is due in part that SDA paid for July at the end of June. Good news for a change is that our expenses were relatively low with no large expenditures other than the electric bill increased about \$1,000 from June to July which is to be expected in the summer. However, the 2024 YTD deficit is (\$53,163.97) vs 2023 YTD surplus of \$67,572.79 – the 2023 surplus resulted from the \$100,000 donation from Bill Slonecker's life insurance policy.
2. The B2SB was completely funded by both cash and supplies donations. Well done for approximately 310 backpacks provided!
3. 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 to have available to draw from. However, it may soon be necessary 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.
4. In July one CD in the amount of \$137,000 matured resulting in interest income of \$6,472.12. The \$137,000 was invested in a CD for a year at 4.9%. The Bethany Legacy Fund currently consists of eight (8) CDs totaling \$1,072,000 and two (2) money market accounts totaling \$116,300.38; one of the money market accounts is earning 5% resulting in a total amount of \$1,188,300.38 in the Bethany Legacy Fund.
5. In an effort to get an early start on the 2025 budget, I request that each committee begin working on their needs/requests for the 2025 budget.
6. 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. At this point, the review will need to happen in November/December due to my work deadlines before then.

Administration – Written report submitted by Mark Buie.

HVAC – AC has been acting up for the last 6 weeks. Our earlier decision to replace the entire system appears to be a great one.

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Worship – Written report submitted by Mary Glenn.

Discussion regarding phasing out single use communion cups due to the liquid spoiling.

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

New Horizons group is leaving due to lack of program growth.

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

Sunday School programming will utilize shorter topics that need less preparation. A suggestion for using Community chats topics for adult Sunday School was well received.

Old Business:

ILE (Iglesia Luterana): No progress

Hope Dallas: No update

Home school rates were discussed. There was consensus that Jan will investigate a formula for outside groups/fees.

Licensing Agreement: the council reviewed a new licensing policy and made suggestions for language.

New Business:

Our CLI group, which uses Design Thinking, will be reaching out to St. Matthews Lutheran to discuss their successes and do more research on what would motivate people to come to the community events.

There was a Consensus that we need to increase fees due to increased facility expenses; we have a beautiful facility. Jan will investigate a formula for outside groups/fees. Ted will reach out to each outside group to introduce the idea and get feedback.

The meeting was closed at 1:07 with the reading of a version of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linnea Castillo

Dates of Next Council Meetings:

September 8

October 13

November 10