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Council Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President	Jan Moody	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worship	Mary Glenn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	Ted Steinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside Community	Jeff Lowry
<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 Moody			

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:

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:54 pm by Jan Moody.

Pastor Veronika began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the January Council meeting were approved.

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

Requested days off Feb. 19-21, with approval from the council.

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

The Treasurer's report was approved.

1. For the month of January 2025, we have a deficit in the amount of (\$12,341.79) compared to a deficit for January 2024 in the amount of (\$23,443.06) – 2024 deficit includes \$8,308 for extraordinary expense leaving an operating deficit in January 2024 in the amount of (\$15,138).

Contributions for January 2025 in the amount of \$11,700 were down from January 2024 contributions in the amount of \$13,444 – a reduction of \$1,744 and the 2025 operating expenses were about \$543 higher than 2024 operating expenses.

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2. The Homeschoolers East paid for their spring semester in February 2025 (compared to January 2024). Common Ground Home School paid for their spring semester in December 2024 so it will not be reflected in the 2025 financials. Also, East Lake Fellowship paid Central in January 2024 \$1,800 which we will not have in 2025 due to their dissolution.

3. I did need to make a transfer in the amount of \$13,000 from the Bethany Legacy Fund to the General Fund (Morgan Stanley to the Comerica account) as the balance in the main checking account was at a low balance during January 2025.

4. For 2025, I made two formatting changes in the financials. First, I changed the account name from Secretarial Salary and Social Security to Administrative Coordinator to better reflect Rachel's position. Second, on the Balance Sheet I reclassified the Bethany Legacy Fund balance in the amount of \$1,116,464.56 from the General Fund to Undesignated Funds - Bethany Legacy Fund. This will make it easier for you to see clearly each month/year-to-date the amount actually available in the General Fund for operations of the church and also make it easier for you to see clearly each month/year-to-date the amount in the Bethany Legacy Fund.

5. In January, one CD matured with interest income in the amount of \$6,681.41. I held back \$25,000 from the proceeds to keep in the MSSB money market account and reinvested the remaining proceeds in a CD with a rate of 4%. The Bethany Legacy Fund currently consists of eight (8) CDs totaling \$1,040,000 and two (2) money market accounts totaling \$76,464.56 (which currently earns 4%) resulting in a total amount of \$1,116,464.56 in the Bethany Legacy Fund. The interest rates on the current CDs range from 4.0% to 5.4%. I continue to consider term and rate to maximize what is possible.

6. I have submitted the 2024 financial information for Central as part of the Annual Congregation Report to the ELCA.

7. Quarterly and year end payroll tax returns, W2s and 1099s were timely filed and issued in January 2025 – in addition to working on the 2025 budget and 2024 year end financials.

8. As I mentioned at the recent annual meeting, the discussions/meetings with members need to begin now for their input about the future of Central Lutheran Church. Also, input from the congregation on their desires for the use of the Bethany Legacy Funds – to be used for Central's overhead as needed indefinitely and/or the sharing of the Bethany Legacy Funds with ministries outside of Central Lutheran Church and/or a combination of both needs to be discussed at these meetings as well.

Administration – Written report submitted by Mark Moody.

The Administration committee is composed of Mark Moody, Mark Buie, Ted Steinke, David Pearson, David Brown, Janis Farrow and Joel Glenn.

Worship – Written report submitted by Mary Glenn.

Mission & Outreach/Evangelism – Written report submitted by Jeff Lowry.

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

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Spring Fest will be Sunday, April 13, noon- 2:00 or 3:00. The April Council meeting will move back to April 6 to accommodate this event.

Old Business:

New Business:

NTNL Synod Assembly is April 25-26, 2025, in Lubbock, TX. Who will be our 2 delegates? Let Pastor know if you are interested in attending.

White Rock Center of Hope has Legal Center informational cards available for immigrants. Ted will research them and report back on the feasibility of usage at Central.

Shakespeare Dallas has requested usage of the church facility including the parish hall plus 2 rooms for summer camp. They expect approximately 20 participants. Church children will receive a discount. They will provide their own insurance. The dates are clear on the Central calendar. The usage was approved.

A Council retreat was discussed. Pastor is opting out of facilitating it. Jan is considering having the retreat at her home.

Council Goals for 2025

Jan reintroduced us to the goals she is setting forth:

1. Care for Each Other Dogmatically
2. Claim our Identity as a Merged Congregation and Document our Mission with Determination
3. Chart our Path Forward in a Strategic Vision for Success Deliberately
4. Challenge Ourselves to Cultivate Dauntless Leaders from within our ranks to guide us into the future (destiny)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linnea Castillo

Dates of Next Council Meetings:

March 9

April 6

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

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October 12

November 9

December 14