

SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Minutes
November 13, 2023

Members present: R. Coldsmith, K. Bowen, J. McEntire, W. Norman, L. Socks, M. Dale,
L. Berberich, P. Kostreski, P. Johnson, and Pastor Allwein
Members absent: F. Reichard and M. Veilleux,

President Ronald Coldsmith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Devotions were led by Linda Berberich.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Allwein's report was prepared and presented. He visited hospitalized individuals, home bound members, and phone conversations with home bound members. He started a "Bible Study" Sunday, Nov. 12, prior to church service and will continue weekly.

October Council Secretary minutes were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

October finance report was reviewed. Continued questions that the various reports do not match. Followed with suggestions for the future reports. Marjorie confirmed that the income for October was \$20,454.65 and the expense was \$11,041.25. The general checking account balance November 1st was \$9,413.40. Motion made and seconded on the General account income and expense and the Money Management October reports were correct. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Call Committee: Marjorie shared there were no recent contacts from the Synod. She will call for updates regarding a call for a candidate for Solomon's.

Joint Thanksgiving Service – Ron encouraged Solomon's members attend Sunday, November 19th at New Franklin Assembly of God.

New Business:

Pastor Allwein's contract was approved and signed by Pastor Allwein and Ronald Coldsmith, Council President.

Pastor Spomer was scheduled for supply minister for Nov. 5th. There was a misunderstanding, and he arrived at 10 a.m. prepared to lead us and message for church service. Apologized by council president, followed with a welcomed for him to stay for the day's service by Pastor Allwein. A check is prepared and given the day for the supply ministry. Monday, Nov. 6th, Marjorie Dale, church treasurer, called Pastor Spomer to ask if she should send the check to his home address or deliver it to his residence when she was planning to stop at Luther Ridge that afternoon. He declined receiving a check. *(cont'd on next page)*

Council decided to do something in honor of Pastor Spomer. Motion made and 2nd to send \$100.00 to the SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary for celebration of "Angles of Love" in honor of Pastor Spomer. Motion carried.

New council member, Tana Vance will be invited to attend December council meeting.

The congregation will be invited for a luncheon to celebrate the many years of Doug Mummert's service following a church service in December. An announcement will be in the December newsletter.

Heidi Shenberger is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Nov. 14th with the Search Committee to discuss a "Supply Pianist Proposal".

December altar flowers: For 2 Sundays Linda Berberich offered to provide arrangements made at the Chambersburg Garden Club. Approved and a thank you from Council.

Christmas tree will be delivered by Ron Coldsmith. NOTE: Council will assist in taking down Christmas decorations prior to the council meeting January 8, 2024 at **6:30 p.m.**

Committee Reports: Christian Ed, Finance, Property, Social Ministry and Worship committee reports were reviewed. Motion made and 2nd to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor Allwein encouraged Council at the December meeting to begin monthly discussion for "Viable goals and how to grow Solomon's congregation".

Next meeting will be Monday, December 11th at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM, closing with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Dale
Acting Secretary