



**Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 17, 2025**

**Call to Order:** 6:35 pm

**Establish a quorum/present:** Pastor Ben, Pastor Alicia, Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Dan Bishop, Dan Jacobson, Debbie Church, Dennis Tietz, Nate Borwege, Brian Gieseke, Dennis Tietz, Laura Magnuson, Lindsey Cornell

**Devotion** by Debbie Church

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda and February 24 Meeting Minutes** by Steinhoff-Smith, second by Gieseke. Motion approved.

**President's Report:**

- Scheduling committee attendance and presentations for subsequent council meetings.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Next Campaign Pledges:
  - 2023 Pledges Received: \$42,700
  - 2024 Pledges Received: \$715,725
  - 2024 Unpledged Received: \$241,651
  - 2025 Pledges Received: \$122,805
  - **Total Received: \$1,122,881**

<b>PLEDGES as of February 28, 2025</b>	<b>NEXT Campaign 2024 thru 2026</b>
Total Pledged	\$1,252,399
Total Received	\$ 881,230
Remaining Pledges	\$371,169

Unpledged Gifts	\$241,651
Organ & Chairs	- \$196,000
<b>Remaining Gifts</b>	<b>= \$45,651</b>
<b>Land Proceeds</b>	<b>+ \$84,000</b>
<b>Total Add'l Funds</b>	<b>= \$129,651</b>

<b>Finances as of February 28, 2025</b>	<b>February Budget</b>	<b>February Actual</b>
Revenue	\$51,823	\$75,165
Expenses	\$58,873	\$59,799
Revenue – Expenses	-\$7,050	\$15,366

YTD Finances as of February 28, 2025	Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Actual
YTD Revenue	\$115,638	\$147,981
YTD Expenses	\$116,299	\$115,304
YTD Revenue – Expenses	-\$661	\$32,677

*Action to pay off \$15,000 Mission Investment fund: Pastor Alicia and Dan Bishop*

*Action for Dan Bishop to follow up with prospects identified for the \$150K matching funds.*

**MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report** by Magnuson, seconded by Gieseke. Motion approved.

**Pastor Alicia's Report:**

- We will be transferring fiscal agency to the Minneapolis Area Synod on April 1, 2025. We are working on the steps to make this transition smoothly. This is a change for other Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities, as well, following a new bishop.
- Action summary for Insurance Replacement Coverage – Request for \$9MI Quote. At time of the policy renewal, Guide One will rerun that building evaluation prior to renewal.
- Action summary for consideration of balance sheet adjustment. Feedback from Synod Toolkit Workshop to be presented at the May Finance Team meeting.

**Motion to Approve Mission Outreach Needs for \$912 Cuddle and Kind Baptism Dolls** by Tietz, second by Borwege. Motion approved.

**Pastor Ben's Report:**

- Both Pastor Alicia and Pastor Ben, along with Sharon Steinhoff Smith attended the Synod toolkit workshop on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Certificate of Occupancy is progressing with Laura working to make the necessary changes to the kitchen with Station 19 and Langer Co to address the outstanding concerns.

**Old Business:**

- Designated Gift: Road Designs (Review of Gift Policy for update)
- Insurance Follow-up – see Pastor Alicia's report
- Scholarship Fund – Pending the students' enrollment in seminary, we will follow up on this issue.

- Balance Sheet Follow-up – see Pastor Alicia report *Action for Pastor Alicia to also suggest a second line on the balance sheet for depreciating the furnishings with the Finance Committee.*
- Door 2 Entrance/Kitchen Update – The hood replacement remains outstanding with the city to satisfy the pending requirements. Door 2 Entrance signage to remain pending until the occupancy certificate is resolved.
- Debrief Concert

**New Business:**

- Synod Toolkit

**Communicate to members that any member questions/concern can be sent to council email for reply.**

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

**Motion to Adjourn** by Steinhoff-Smith, second by Tietz. Motion approved

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 7:38 pm

**Key Dates:**

**April Council Meeting:** 6:30 pm, Monday, April 28th (a week later due to Easter Monday)

Holy week schedule is:

- Palm Sunday- 9 am (with brunch)
- Maundy Thursday- 7 pm
- Good Friday- 7 pm
- Easter Vigil- 8 pm
- Easter 8:30 & 10:30 am (with egg hunt in between services)

**May Council Meeting:** 6:30 pm, Monday, May 19