

**Our Saviours Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**02/09/2023 6:30 PM**

**Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Council Members:** Pastor Leta, Pastor Michael, Intern Pastor Jon, Chris Bachman, Mark Butler, Peg Hoover, Tyann Kuehnast, Melody Mistr, Scottie Moore, Rob Petterson, Shannon Wagner, Adrienne Watz, Ryan White, Hannah Wurster

**Photos**

**Ministry and Connections**

- Connections and Devotions: Pastor Michael “death to new life” Ecclesiastes Chap.3
  - Council norms (see next page & council binder) - Pastor Leta
  - [Council Member Documents](#)
- [Pastors’ Report](#)

**Actionable Items that Require a Vote**

- Approval of [minutes from 01/12/23](#)
  - Motion to approve: Mark Butler
  - Seconded: Tyann Kuehnast
  - No discussion
  - Unanimously approved
- Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for January
  - Motion to accept: Rob Petterson
  - Seconded: Ryan White
  - No Discussion
  - Unanimously approved
- Approval of the [Responding to a Crisis/Disaster Building Use Policy](#)
  - Motion to approve: Rob Petterson
  - Seconded: Peg Hoover
  - Discussion: Is there any criteria on who is helped in these situations? Do we have the right resources? Does insurance cover these situations?
    - There are nuanced realities that need to be assessed on a case by case basis which is why it is being asked to give the pastors, staff and executive to evaluate and make that decision. Insurance does cover however it needs to be clarified with the insurance company. We don’t have all the supplies, but there are organizations that can help with this.
  - Unanimously approved

**For Information Only**

- Please RSVP by the Monday before the scheduled council meeting
- Review best practices
- Council retreat planned for March 26th for 11:30-6p

**Questions**

- Tyann - What is the status of our youth council member?
- Mark - Is there a youth representative that will be nominated by the youth?
- Possibly 2 youth representatives?

**Prayer/Blessing**

**Adjourn**

**Photos**

**Upcoming Dates**

- Council Meeting: March 9, 2023
- ELCA Artist Rev. Paul Oman will be here on March 19 to paint a mural during worship services.
- Council hosted Soup Supper: Wednesday, March 22
- Next Council Meeting: March 9, 2023

**Norms**

**(Also in your binder)**

**What a Council Member Does:**

1. Show up at Church and be there
2. Be aware of activities
3. Understand and learn function and mission
4. Listen to members of church and be an advocate
5. Represent the council's viewpoint
6. Supportive of each other and be accountable
7. Participate in council activities
8. Liaison – communication line with other groups
9. Positive support of decisions
10. Accept everyone's opinion as okay
11. Hear all opinions
12. Express opinion even when uncomfortable
13. Bring agenda items to executive team week prior to council meeting

**Council Conflict Norms**

1. Active listening
2. Voice your opinion
3. Stay focused
4. Think outside the box
5. Check in with each other before moving on
6. Say what you mean, mean what you say, and then move on