

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

April 23, 2024

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Rexanne Spicer.

Members present: Pastors Stephanie Friesen and Melissa Pohlman, Julie Anderson, Jeff Block, Allison Eger, Rachel Moeller, Ann Oyen, PJ Ritters, Laurel Stewart, Heidi Tysk-Poppe

Members excused: Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, Karl Starr

Staff present: Pat Hansen, Sara Masters

Christ Care Prayers: Pastor Stephanie shared a short devotional and then invited all to share their joys, sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings, which were lifted in prayer.

Adoption of the April Agenda: The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from March Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes for March 26, 2024, were approved. Also received were the Pastors' Shared Report for April 2024.

Financial Reports: Sara Masters summarized the monthly financial reports through Karl Starr's Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2024 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet Analysis, Designated Fund Summary. These financial reports were accepted by the Council.

Life Passages for March 2024:

1. Baptisms:

- a. **Gage Joseph David** (*Parents are Carmen and Jeff Davis*) was baptized Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil service. Pastor Stephanie Friesen baptized Gage.
- b. **Beckett Camerson West** (*Parents are Oliver West and Michaela Crowley*) was baptized Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil service. Pastor Stephanie Friesen baptized Beckett.

2. Weddings: no weddings

3. Deaths/Funerals/Burial Services

- a. **Patricia "Patti" Mae Brestrup** (*July 23, 1930 – March 2, 2024*)
- b. **Mildred "Millie" Charlotte Jung** (*December 14, 1928 – March 3, 2024*)
- c. **Lois Camille Wolff** (*November 15, 1948 – March 3, 2024*)
- d. **Patrick "Pat" Robert Sepnieski** (*April 10, 1955 – March 4, 2024*)
- e. **Robert "Bob" Eugene Erdman** (*March 14, 1934 – March 16, 2024*)
- f. **Randall "Randy" Holm** (*October 23, 1952 – March 23, 2024*)
- g. **Kaare Faber** (*January 13, 1937 – March 23, 2024*)

Action Items – approved with a motion, second, discussion and vote:

1. The Council approved the recommendation for the Sanctuary Renewal Team: Rod Richter, Hazel Reinhardt, Karl Starr, Steve Studt, Paul Steward, Bill Masche, Richard Stegal, Franklin Dietrich, Judy Hedman, Pastor Peter and David Rodriguez.

Information and Conversation:

1. City Easement issue
2. Choir Director Search Team
3. Casavant Organ Team

One-on-One Conversation: values conversation and priorities: The Council broke into groups for this discussion. Each group named 2-3 essential core values from the long list of core values that the Council leaders named as initial priorities in their March meeting. They are not in any particular order.

1. Welcoming Community
 - Church as 3rd space/using church as space to connect
2. A place for the seasons of life
 - Worship @ the core
 - Bringing the services together
3. Welcome, Acceptance, Hospitality, Inclusivity
 - Using all four as a place to begin – break them down
4. Things we do well
 - Music
 - Worship
5. Lead with Connection
 - For individuals, groups
 - Outreach

Closing Prayer and Adjourn: After closing with the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hansen

Recording for Heidi Tysk-Poppe, Council Secretary

Central Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
March 31, 2024 Financials (3 months)

	Annual Budget	Mar 31YTD	% of Ann Budget (25%)
Income	\$3,434,500	\$1,003,740	29%
Expense	\$3,470,505	\$905,827	26%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$36,005)	\$97,913	-272%

Operating Fund – Key Revenue Items

Revenue Source	March Actual	March Budget	2024 Year-to-Date Actual	2024 Year-to-Date Budget	2023 Year-to-Date Actual	Year Over Year Change – Actual
Regular Offering	\$128,513	\$150,000	\$480,152	\$400,000	\$441,256	\$38,896
Foundation (undesignated)	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$324,000	(\$18,000)
Parking	\$51,351	\$35,000	\$99,647	\$105,000	\$90,854	\$8,793

Assets / Liabilities

Select Key Assets:	March 2024	December 2023	3 mo. Change
Operating Checking ⁱ	\$264,551	\$204,878	\$59,673
Operating Reserve ⁱⁱ	\$312,018	\$311,389	\$629
Designated Account Asset Support ⁱⁱⁱ	\$2,141,547	\$1,878,673	\$262,874
Select Key Liabilities:			
Designated accounts			
Repair fund (consumables)	\$135,065	\$99,130	\$35,935
Long-term capital projects	\$169,293	\$169,293	\$0
Foundation reserve	\$50,533	\$50,533	\$0
Temporary holding accounts ^{iv}	\$1,401,920	\$1,264,165	\$137,755
All other designated accounts	\$280,532	\$227,771	\$52,761
TOTAL Designated accounts	\$2,037,343	\$1,810,892	\$226,451
Mission Investment Fund Mortgages	\$6,227,853 ^v	\$6,112,714	\$115,139

ⁱ Operating checking and operating reserve together provide \$576,569 of cash available to support operations. This is a strong cash position and is a 12% increase compared to year-end 2023. (A target established several years ago is to maintain operating cash of at least \$250,000.)

ⁱⁱ Includes regular reserve savings and Alerus Wealth Access.

ⁱⁱⁱ Goal is to maintain assets supporting designated accounts that are at least equal to the total of all designated accounts. This goal is being met. (\$2,141,547 in designated und assets vs. \$2,037,343 in designated accounts).

^{iv} Includes parking lot easement compensation (\$197K) and roof hail damage insurance settlement (\$1,067 million)

^v Increase in total mortgage liability reflects origination of a new MIF line of credit, which is being used to pay the costs of the Cassavant organ detailed design project. It is anticipated this line of credit will be paid off with proceeds from an upcoming capital campaign.