

St Matthew Lutheran Church Council Report

March 21, 2023

Members present: Frank Anders, Dan Fassio, Phil Gomez, Adriene Iverson, Jessica Kelley, Bill Kopper, Shelley Pattison, Nancy Schott, Sherry Whitmarsh

Members absent: Mark Hearn

Phil Gomez called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and opened in prayer by Pastor Rustin.

The February 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

There were no questions about committee minutes.

Pastor Rustin discussed The Report of the Investigation Team to the Sierra Pacific Synod Council, and the election of a new bishop. March has another Parent's Night Out. There are mitigations in place if adults don't show up to serve. Operations and Communications is becoming a hub for other churches. The office does printing and communication for Hope Lutheran, and finances for Good Shepherd. There was discussion about a Hume Lake replacement due to the theological differences and increasing cost. For Digital Ministry, we are looking at expanding the experience with Hello teams, etc.

Bill Kopper is determining which credit card would be the most beneficial to our church. Currently we have a Costco credit card. This would allow us to use the benefits for continuing ed travel or gift cards at a discounted rate. Staff has completed a form that gathers information about how to celebrate those dates that are special to them.

Bill Kopper answered questions on financials. Metrics will be presented next month. Signatory policy and history was discussed as changes will be coming.

M/S/C Sherry Whitmarsh/Adrienne Iverson: The Easter offering will be \$3,000 to Friends Feeding Friends and \$3,000 to Contra Costa County Food Bank and the remaining will be given to the programs of St. Matthew.

Vote: Yes - 10, No - 0

An April agenda item will include reviewing the amount of funds received during the Easter offering.

M/S/C Sherry Whitmarsh/Bill Kopper to update finance committee resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes - 10, No - 0

M/S/C Sherry Whitmarsh/Jessica Kelley to update Conflict of Interest signatory page for gifts to \$100 to match the Ethics Policy

Vote: Yes – 10, No -0

Request for April agenda items:

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- Review of the Easter funding
- Nominating committee additions
- Constitutionality of elections

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Whitmarsh  
Secretary