

Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA Council Meeting
Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 12:00 am | Fellowship Hall

Council members present: Michele Wilson, Carolyn Lawhorn, Jon Driskill, Angela Kronau, Susan Hamilton, Becky Breeden, Pastor Mark, Davin Henrik

Council members absent: Cristall Mount, Jack Wilder, Steve Hess

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Reporting Group	Leader	Council Liaison	Action	Notes
MINISTRY TEAMS				
Care	Illy Wood	Susan Hamilton		
Disciple	Mary Williamson	Michele Wilson		Ministry Fair / Parents Night Out / Theology Pub
Invite	Kate Spears	Davin Henrik		
Serve	Connie Cole	Jack Wilder		
Worship	Jane Mason	Jon Driskill		
SUPPORT TEAMS				
Badenhop	Mary Ellen Whitson	Becky Breeden		
Connect	Michele Wilson	Susan Hamilton		
Finance	Steve Hess	Michele Wilson		
Personnel	Michele Wilson	Davin Henrik		
Property	Jon Driskill	Michele Wilson		Women's Restroom
SPECIAL GROUPS				
BAM (Disciple)	Don Lawhorn	Carolyn Lawhorn		
DJC (Serve)	L. Wilder, M. Driskill	Jack Wilder		
Fellowship (Invite)	C. Lawhorn, J. Mennel	Cristall Mount		
Policy (Support)	Mike Driskill	Angela Kronau		
Stewardship (Finance)	Michele Wilson	Becky Breeden		
WELCA (Disciple)	Anne Tinker	Cristall Mount		
STAFF				
Parish Nurse	Mary Sophia Hawks	n/a		
Interim Senior Pastor	Pastor Mark Cerniglia	n/a		
Director of Music	Mary Phillips	n/a		

AGENDA:

- Call to Order: Angela | Lunch by Davin Henrik & Opening Devotion by Angela Kronau**
 Angela called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. She then led us in the opening devotion.

2. Approval of August Minutes

The August Council Minutes were presented for approval and discussion. Michele Wilson made a motion that the Minutes be approved, Jon Driskill seconded the motion, and the August Council Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Finance Update - Steve Hess

Steve Hess was not in attendance at today's meeting, but Doug Mason sent an email to Council outlining the August Finance updates and reports:

The August giving totaled \$26,075, a little more than last month but still \$3,802 less than budget. However, spending was very low for the month at \$25,382, so \$693 was added to the unrestricted cash balance.

Spending was less in all major categories, including nothing being spent on property repairs.

As noted last month, the \$3,075 balance in the Hot Water Heater Fund was transferred to the Building Maintenance Fund, which now totals \$8,408.

The children and youth Sunday School curriculum was purchased for \$1,199, charging it to the Children and Youth Faith Formation Fund.

The Mena Eckerd Endowment Fund generated an additional \$450 of income in August, bringing that fund total to \$2,768.

4. Correspondence , Updates, Building Use requests, etc.

Building Use Agreement Form submitted by Embroiderers Guild of America (Knoxville Chapter) pg. 8 Michele W. requested that before Council votes on this application, that the Building Use Review Committee have a chance to meet in October so that the fee schedule for 2025 can be finalized. Michele W. made a motion to postpone the Council review of this application until the October meeting, Becky B. seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by Council.

5. Monthly Reports

Disciple Angela K. noted that Messiah has several young people who are now eligible to begin the confirmation process. Pastor Mark has spoken with his contact at St. John's church and was told by her that the combined confirmation class plans are not quite ready to begin meeting yet.

Serve (pg. 14) Angela K. noted that this committee is doing good things this year.

Worship (pg. 16-17) Angela K. noted that the Worship committee has planned for the remainder of the year, 2024. Their plans also include dates for which their various events and activities will occur.

Property (pg. 20) Jon D. said that the leaking toilet had been repaired by a plumber but that the ADA lady's toilet will require more work, since it has been installed incorrectly. The cost for that work will be \$1270 and Jon D. has already contacted Finance and was given approval for the work.

He also shared the two proposals (pg. 29-30) that he has received for the tree and brush work that needs to be done on the church property. The work will cover removing the large tree behind the shed, and cleaning brush and fallen trees in drainage ditches behind and beside the church. Jon has requested approval from Finance to fund this project.

Finally, Jon D. shared with Council that he and Jon Toth met with a representative from Unified Elevator Services LLC to discuss setting up a Service Agreement with Messiah to provide elevator maintenance and service work. UES is offering Messiah an Annual Service Agreement for approximately \$1800 per year. Jon D. told us that regular inspections and servicing will be covered under the agreement, but that replacement of broken parts is not covered but will be quoted separately when needed. Jon feels very positive about this company, citing that they are local and will be much easier to deal with instead of depending on customer support/service departments that are not local. Both Finance and Property committees are supportive of this change, but Jon D. told Council that to accept the agreement, it must be signed by Council president. Angela K. made a motion that she should sign the agreement, Davin H. seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

6. Messiah Forward Update

The Messiah Forward committee continues to meet, but no new updates for Council this month.

7. Update on Women's bathroom in Educational hallway

Jon D. met with a plumber on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, to have the problem fixed.

8. Nominating Committee Meeting

Current Council members Michele W., Becky B. and Jon D. will be rotating off this December. Angela K. requests that nominees to replace these members be ready to vote on at Council's next meeting, October 20. These nominees should be active in the congregation and willing to serve for three years on the Council.

9. Reminder to check church calendar prior to scheduling meetings.

Kristin Kennedy requests that all church members be reminded of the need to check the church calendar carefully before reserving space for meetings and other events.

10. Other Business

Personnel committee The Personnel Committee will meet September 23 at 6:00

Stewardship The Stewardship campaign will begin the first Sunday of October. Short presentations will occur each Sunday of the month during the service hour and the campaign will end with a luncheon on Sunday, October 27. The Stewardship committee will provide chicken and drinks, and the congregation will be invited to bring sides, salads and desserts for the meal.

Repairs to projector screen Jon D. has discovered that there are several tears at the bottom of the projector screen. He will try to make the repairs himself.

Call Committee The Call Committee has requested that once they receive the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) back from the Synod, that Council will vote on approving the MSP electronically so that they may begin next steps in the Call process expeditiously.

11. Adjourn with prayer

Angela K. adjourned the meeting at 1:05 with prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Carolyn C. Lawhorn

Date: September 17, 2024

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, October 20, at 12 noon
Devotion & meal: Jack Wilder

UPCOMING DATES:

Reports Due: Thursday, October 10

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm via Zoom