**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

**MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

**February 18, 2023**

**Home of Mike Driskill and Beth Ford**

**Members Present**: Debbie Hampstead, Mike Driskill, Jon Driskill, Angela Kronau, Jack Wilder, Becky Breeden, Pastor Susan Thisell, Sharon Sweeney, Michele Wilson

**Members Absent**: Rachel Rushworth-Hollander

1. Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM following the Council Retreat.
2. Devotion: Debbie provided a devotion from Devotions for Christ’s People Called as Leaders of God’s Church 2021 titled “Faithful Leaders in the Church”.
3. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Angela and seconded by Jon to approve the minutes of January 15, 2023. All approved
4. Correspondence and Building Use Requests: Included in Council packet, no action needed.
5. Committee Reports: Provided in the meeting packet, no Council action needed. Mike requestd liaisons to distribute a standard report form, developed by Kristin, to be used by their respective ministry teams. Using a standard report will assist Council in identifying action items and make review easier.
   1. Property update- Jon reported that Items #5 and 8 have been completed.
   2. Connect – Debbie will replace Michele as Liaison.
   3. Stewardship – Becky will attend the next meeting as a guest, Luther Rose recipients were announced last Sunday during worship. Kay Bone, Mike and Anne Tinker each received a Luther Rose pin and a certificate.
   4. Columbarium needs to be added to the reporting groups.
6. Lunch/Devotion sign-up: Michele, Sharon, and Angela will take care of April. June and July have not been assigned. Council will decide at the May meeting if they will meet in June and July.
7. Review of Messiah members to be removed: List was not included in the Council Packet, tabled until next meeting. Don and Carolyn Lawhorn requested membership. A motion was made by Michele and seconded by Mike to approve. All in favor
8. Annual Meeting Part II: The meeting was held February 12 and was very short, minutes included in Council Packet, no additional comments were received.
9. Discuss Possible Synod Assembly attendees: Angela agreed to attend as a voting member. Michele will ask Susan Hamilton if she would like to be the second voting member since she volunteered last year but couldn’t attend due to COVID infection. Michele plans on attending as a guest and will ask Kate Spears and Phillip Beck if they would like to attend as guests. If Susan declines, Kate Spears will be asked if she is willing to attend as a voting member. Messiah will pay expenses for the Pastor and two voting members to attend. Early bird registration deadline is March 31, Synod Assembly is June 2nd, 3rd, 4th.
10. Discuss organization of reporting groups; and standard for meeting reports: There was some discussion about having Ministry Team Chairs meet together on a regular basis to coordinate efforts and share event planning.
11. Justice Knox: Michele reminded Council of Justice Knox’s presentation during Adult Learning Hour March 12. She encouraged Council members to attend, lunch provided, RSVP required.
12. Pride Pins: Michele brought Pride flag and heart pins to the meeting and encouraged Council members to wear one on their church name tag.
13. Adjourned with Prayer: Pastor adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hampstead

Secretary