

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay, CA
Minutes for Council Meeting – May 18, 2025
Faith Center Library
12:10pm – 1:54pm



Attending: John Crostic (Finance), John Cameron, John Wickeraad, Derek Harman, Anne Merino (by phone), Maddie Barns, Ralph Supper, Nate Calhoun, Heather Tanfani, Bob Dennis

Absent: None

Visiting: None

1. Devotions: Derek Harman
2. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm
3. Agenda and Minutes: 05/18 Agenda, and 04/27 Minutes were unanimously approved (M2P)
4. Treasurer Reports - John Crostic: April was affected by maintenance items
 - a. Net (Income-Expenses) for November: (\$4,203.03)
 - b. Net (Income-Expenses) YTD: \$9,163.22
 - c. Joyful Giving YTD %: 96.31%
 - d. Unrestricted Operating Reserves: \$155,696.76
 - e. The finance reports were unanimously approved subject to audit (M2P)
5. Pastor Report - Pr Derek:
 - a. Stewardship update, 38 pledges collected earlier in the week. 62 pledges today. For total of \$324,500.
 - b. Congregational care team, starting small but reaching out to as many people as possible who are unable to come to church. Positive reports received.
 - c. Current school using our facilities has committed to two more years.
 - d. Engaged in a cohort process with 'Northern California Congregational Land Initiative' looking at issues related to homelessness and low-income housing - learning about creative ways of increasing availability of low-income housing.
 - e. Meeting scheduled with County Supervisor regarding providing services for homeless.
 - f. Insurance companies are dropping coverage for churches. Want Linda to look into sharing coverage with other churches to share cost.
 - g. Shared video of his visit to Kirchentag.
 - h. Staffing: Kathy will continue working Tuesday and Wednesday's 6 hours total.

6. Pastor Report - Pr Ralph
 - a. Large Pastor's retreat in Sante Fe was good as usual. Discussed difficulties in finding staffing.
 - b. Synod gathering May 17, no business discussed, mostly workshops provided for attendees, and gathering and sharing.
7. President's Report - Nate:
 - a. Overview of Councils actions this year that will be covered at the congregational meeting.
 - i. Convergence plan
 - ii. Personnel Issues
 - iii. Staffing issues
 - iv. Facilities status
 - v. Bishop's Visit
 - vi. Spending Plan and priorities
 - vii. Maintenance Items completed.
8. Vision Team Report:
 - a. Did a congregational history exercise to determine things that stressed or motivated the church in the past.
 - b. Cameron has scheduled webinars in the future to discuss what churches are doing now to grow. First webinar will discuss the past of the church, the second is about the future of the church.
9. Old business:
 - a. Report on establishing the future Audit team
 - b. Audit team reports for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were discussed. Reports were unanimously approved (M2P)
 - c. Update on Stewardship (covered in Pastor Derek's report)
 - d. Spending plan congregational question feedback
 - e. Resurrection Legacy Fund Report
 - i. \$2500 for FY 2025/26 budget was approved by Endowment Committee
 - f. Discussion of Council Nominees meet and greet with congregation.
 - g. Annual Meeting
 - i. Discussed schedule of speakers
 - ii. Items to be discussed by each speaker
 - iii. Meeting logistics
 - h. A short council meeting will be held after the annual meeting to elect the incoming officers and develop a devotion schedule. Pastor Ralph will chair the meeting.
 - i. Discussion of ways for worship visitors to donate to LCR
 - i. Link to Realm for giving
 - ii. Possible phone application for giving
10. New business:
 - a. Staffing update:
 - i. No new applicants for 2 of the positions. Have an audition for Contemporary Music Leader this week.

- b. Discussed need for AV backup for services.
- c. Endowment trustee nomination
 - i. One member of the committee had to step down. Committee is supposed to be 5 to 7 members, and with this loss of a member the committee is now only 4 members. Motion to have John Wickeraad fill the position (M2P).

11. Meeting Adjourned at 1:54 pm

12. Closing Prayer

Council meeting and Devotion Schedule:

Annual meeting May 25th Pentecost is June 8th

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