

Salem Church of Darmstadt  
Council Minutes  
August 9, 2021

**Present:** Mike Lynn, Reed Schmitt, Susan Straub, Beth Willner, Stewart Hall, Jerry Baack  
**Using Google Meet:** Jason Smith

**Others:** Pastor David, Lori Feil

**Call to Order:** Jason opened the meeting at 6:18 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

**Devotion:** Pastor David shared devotions based on Matthew 18:22 over forgiveness.

**Treasurer's Report:** July 2021 – We are on track for the budget as compared to previous years. Senior Youth renovation funds will be separated from the Jim Young memorial. The building maintenance fund will be used to pay Project Associates Consulting Engineers. The supply fund spending seems low and will be checked. The financial report was received subject to audit.

**Secretary's Report:** Susan moved and Reed seconded to accept the July minutes with the corrections stated. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. **Status on Roof** -Stew - Cornett Roofing Systems has been sent a check for the deposit amount. The tentative start day for the repair is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Stew signed the preconstruction contract. Roofing supplies will be stored in the barn while it is being repaired. Stew will unlock the fellowship hall for bathroom usage.
2. **Report on Foundation** – Stew –Multistone Construction was recommended for the tuckpoint mortar repair of the pylons by Michael Evans at the congregational meeting. Multistone Construction estimated to repair the eight pylons it would cost \$3750. We decided to get another quote and have it re-inspected by Project Associates Consulting Engineers after the pylons are fully grouted.
3. **Down spout leak by takeout door** – Stew – No update – parts are probably not in yet
4. **Update on the Senior Youth area** - Mike– No update; pertinent parties have not had discussions yet
5. **Update on improving security access** – Jerry -The open kitchen door is a security threat. We are checking on replacing the door lock system on the kitchen door with a lock that can be locked from the interior. The council decided a mechanism that can unlock the door and lock easily on the inside would be best, but it must be a mechanism that will accommodate the emergency bar on the door.
6. **Printer / Copier sale of old equipment** – Mike – Still trying to get rid of it
7. **Gyroscopic mount** – Jerry said that he and Brad are going to record the sound and levels of the gyroscope so that a surround device can be filled with the correct materials to absorb the annoying frequency sound. The council decided to wait on the new payment method of the gyroscope mount until it was determined if we would have to get rid of it.
8. **Serving traditional communion** – Jason- We decided to delay taking communion in the traditional way because of the new variant threat. We will still have the self-serve communion in the Narthex. We also decided to delay having the traditional greeters.

9. **Chicken Supper** –Reed said volunteers seem low even though less volunteers are needed, and he may need to make some calls.
10. **Starting of Sunday School** –The Board of Christian Ed wants to follow EVSC guidelines relating to COVID regulations for Sunday school, and the council agreed to support that decision.
11. **11:30 Contemporary Service** - Mike- There is some feedback of disappointed members over the canceling of the 11:30 service. Mike said these members will discuss together and may approach the council with a plan.

#### **New Business**

1. **Concern:** The medical closet is overcrowded and few people utilize it. Can we get rid of unused items? The council decided that the medical items not being used could be disposed of while keeping a few more important items like the wheel chairs, etc. We decided the items that are kept should be listed in the ECHO so members are aware they are available to check out.
2. **Concern:** No one is designated as the clock-winder for the clock in the sanctuary. It has to be cranked every week. The council decided to add clock winding to the usher duties.
3. **Concern:** Training volunteers for the job of videographer might be best if it is a small volunteer group. The council decided that a small volunteer group may work best to get more frequent repetition of the videographer process.

#### **Latest potential project list**

1. More storage for tables and chairs, etc. in fellowship hall
2. Monitor in the kitchen to watch funerals and church service
3. Update Paradise – Smart TV and tablet, paint, updated furniture
4. Replace folding chairs in the fellowship hall
5. Replace siding on parsonage
6. Replace siding on church
7. Replace support straps of boiler piping under the sanctuary
8. Assess stability of the brick support pylons foundation under the church
9. Add windows on the west wall of the Wortman building for better ventilation
10. Smaller sink needs tall curved faucet for washing dishes
11. From Women's Guild: Walk in cooler, new stove, convection oven, warming oven also mentioned, more electrical outlets and stainless steel tables on wheels so can move where needed, fryers or gut entire kitchen and completely redesign
12. Backup power for the church like a generator for key fobs, security, and refrigerators

**Next Meeting:** September 13, 2021

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Willner

Secretary