

## New Journey Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 12, 2024

Present Pastor Beth Gallen, President Cindi Brady, Vice president Peter Galindez, Secretary Karl Flormoe, Treasurer Mike Bartanen, Mike Wilson, Jo Martinson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

1. Pastor Beth offered a prayer of Discernment. Then we had a discussion regarding existing and prospective initiatives grouped under three headings Gods, NJLC, Personal stories. A long discussion occurred.
2. February council minutes were approved. The secretary will send Susan Brah at [archives@njlc.org](mailto:archives@njlc.org).
3. Treasurers report was distributed with the February minutes. Discussed as to whether it should be digital or paper. Mike said that he will work with either. Spending numbers are not set as we are waiting for the final bills for Food For Kidz. The council was invited to suggest income or spending tracking.

Ministry reports were discussed.

1. Pastor Beth was informed by a member owner of one of the local businesses had a fire at her home. Pastor Beth suggested that we purchase the bakery goods from her for the fellowship period on Easter morning.
2. Pastor said that Lou Hutchinson had taken many things that were distributed to various organizations. Pete Galindez said he would call Lou and thank for all of his help to the church.
3. Three new members will join the church on Palm Sunday. They are Paul and June Ninneman, and Mary Shore.
4. Pastor changed her vacation Schedule. She will be gone from April 2-7. Pastor Stony Bowman will be preaching. Terry Steeden will be managing the streaming. Pastor will post the names of substitute pastors to call in case of emergencies.
5. Pastor Miguel Gomez Acosta volunteered to come and assist with strategic planning. A visit could be planned for the summer.
6. A question was raised about supplying a call phone for a staff member. After discussion, which was centered around the if the phone was needed the further information was requested.
7. Cindi said that the chart created by Social Mainstream Ministries of the Northeast Valley Consortium was helpful.

8. Other reports noted the community resource guide and a request for bulletin boards.
9. After discussion it was decided to create a Space Assessment Committee to research and analyze space needs for now and for the future. Storage, seating for worship, and appropriate space for children. The proposed committee would include Kris Bartanen, Beulah Westland, Deb Bigley, Gwen Rubenow, and Lou Hutchinson. The information needed is for both short term and long solutions.

5. Bookkeeper position was discussed. Elizabeth Pepio would be willing to start on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Beth discussed the job with her and it appears she would be paid \$200.00. The question was raised if she was bonded. We would have to check with Church Mutual regarding our coverage. She was unaware of Flock Base and was using Quicken Books on a local platform rather than a cloud based system. Pastor will discuss it with her. Decision of moving to Flock base was deferred.

6. Regular agenda was suspended for a zoom meeting with Susan Brah. Susan told us her responsibilities as Communication coordinator, her smart goals, and answered questions. One was if she received the pictures that Mike Wilson sent her for Food for Kidz.

7. Ministry Team Liaison issue was discussed. Pete Galindez listed five objectives. 1. The liaison would get to better know the team.

2. The liaison would link the team and the council. 3. They would advocate for the team council deliberations. 4. The liaison would attend meetings from time to time. 5. Would support team activities.

Pastor said the it may eliminate the chokepoint of information needing to flow through her. The point of the monthly reports was to get information to the council. For a variety of reasons this is not happening.

After discussion, it was decided to invite to send a representative to council to report on their activities and let the council know of needs and concerns of the committee. The Pastor will develop a schematic for scheduling their visit times with the council.

8. Anniversary committee report deferred until April.

9. Membership Roster distributed. There are several inactive members. Pastor will send contact letters, inviting their return and requesting an update of their status.

10. Council returned to brainstorming or current and future initiatives. Some of the initiatives Some of the initiatives were removed. Some of the current initiatives will be looked at the next meeting.

11. The council decided to read a book together as the devotion segment of 2024 meetings. The Michael Ward book Abundance... will be used. Council members were asked to read the introduction and chapters 1-4.

12. Next meeting will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

After Lord's prayer meeting adjourned about 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karl Flormoe