

LLB Meeting Minutes: September 30, 2024 (Approved 10-28-2024)

Subject/Purpose: Regular monthly meeting

Date: Monday, September 30, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Meeting Space 3, Christ Lincoln Sumner
Online: NA

Participants:

LLB Members: indicates in attendance absent Name (LLB term) Office held if any

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jud Jesske (1 st 2024) Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristy Plander (2 nd 2026) Personnel Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Mueller (1 st 2026) Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shayla Reed (1 st 2024) Policy Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Stowell (2 nd 2025) Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Bender (1 st 2026) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Loseke (1 st 2026)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Johnson (1 st 2025) <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant (2025)

CL staff: Michael Eckelkamp (Senior Executive Director of Ministry)
Kyle Kaldahl (Treasurer)
Autumn Crable (Executive Director of Engagement)
James Moseman (Executive Director of Finance and Generosity)

Desired Outcomes of the meeting:

- Leaders have feedback and direction desired to advance highlighted ministry items.

Agenda items

Call to order: David opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. [Jud was on the road and attended via Zoom.]
James gave opening prayer. Pastor Eckelkamp led a time of remembrance for Tom Lorenz and his family on the 2-year anniversary of his passing.

Minutes from prior meeting: *Ron moved (Todd 2nd) to approve the minutes for the August meeting. Motion carried* without dissent. *Ron moved (Kristy 2nd) to approve the minutes for the special voters meeting conducted the day prior. Motion carried* without dissent.

Business Item:	Purpose: Inform/Discuss/Decide	Material provided prior to or at the meeting	Duration
Ministry report	Provide update	Video report	20 min

Video report highlights: Participation in Pastoral Leadership Institute, community involvement, and the Executive Team retreat.

1. Making Room update

James highlighted that promotion of 'Commitment Sunday' continues.

2. Yankee Hill Pastor search

Pastor reported that the call committee has met and is making progress in the search process.

3. Executive team retreat.

Pastor reported that the Executive Team is generally functioning well and as intended. He noted that, for him personally, fulfilling the dual roles of being pastor for the staff and their boss presents some challenges and he is always open to suggestions on how to simultaneously advance leadership roles and still serve individual's needs.

Discussion:

Has Pastor Potts' serving as Sanctuary community pastor alleviated the demand on Pastor E. to fill in for campus pastors? Pastor E. said that Pastor Potts has transitioned well and this is not as pressing of an issue now (18 Sundays last year → 6 this year) with all campus pastors in place.

Recommendation: Continue efforts.

Old Business

Update and inform

75 min

1. Congregational Meeting

a. Agenda. Jud noted that the agenda is close to being set for the annual meeting.

b. Nominations for elections

i. LLB members

David highlighted the slate of nominees for new members as presented by the Nominating Committee. An appointee is also needed to fill the current vacancy.

ii. LLB/CL officers

David initiated discussion about nominations for officer positions. He:

- Recommended that he be presented as the nominee for a two-year term as Vice-Chair. Support was given to this alternative as being the best option to fill the position with an eligible and experienced member and get officer terms aligned again.
- Reported that an eligible, experienced candidate for Chair has been identified.
- Reported that no willing candidates for Secretary had been identified. *What are essential responsibilities of the position? How much could be done by a staff member, AI?* While revised approaches exist and may deserve consideration in the future, they don't address the current need to elect a new Secretary. Further discussion identified a couple of prospects and volunteers to contact these individuals.

Pictures and bios will be needed for all nominees.

c. Desired Outcomes

Shayla confirmed that we need to show Desired Outcomes to the congregation and get member approval on an annual basis. After some discussion of approaches to accomplish this, the plan is to use weekly announcements before the meeting to communicate the Desired Outcomes to the congregation and provide guidance on how members can offer feedback.

2. Deferred maintenance items

James reported that the fire alarm system needs upgrading and the NEMA grant proposal was not funded. All highest-priority items have been addressed, though, using Making Room funds that were committed toward deferred maintenance.

3. Lincoln Lutheran Schools Association (LLSA)

Autumn reported that there is a meeting coming up to discuss progress and a voting member meeting in November to act on a proposal. Several secondary-level changes have been made in the proposal since the last update was presented.

Discussion:

How is LLSA communication to congregational members occurring? Autumn indicated that the new structure needs to consider this and is part of the ongoing discussion.

4. Congregational survey			
Kristy reported that the subcommittee is meeting this week.			
Recommendations:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize nominations for LLB elections. • Follow through on plan to communicate Desired Outcomes in service announcements. 			
New Business			10 min
1. Signatory authority			
James described how LLB needs to approve some changes in signatory authority on our financial accounts and requested said action on our part.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Shayla moved (Todd 2nd) to authorize Michael Eckelkamp, Kyle Kaldahl, and James Moseman to sign, execute, and endorse on behalf of Christ Lincoln for all financial transactions and account management related to our brokerage account with LPL Financial ending in 7100. Motion was approved unanimously.</i> ○ <i>Shayla moved (Todd 2nd) to authorize Jud Jesske, James Moseman, and Kyle Kaldahl to sign, execute, and endorse on behalf of Christ Lincoln for all financial transactions and account management related to our account with Charles Schwab ending in 5456. Motion was approved unanimously.</i> 			
2. Nebraska District Convention			
Pastor E. reported that Pastor Scheich will serve as our pastoral delegate and James Moseman will serve as lay delegate to the convention. Don Sheets has been approved to serve the District as Lay Minister.			
Decisions: Approved signatory authority changes in two CL financial accounts.			
Reports	Update		10 min
<u>Financial:</u> Kyle reported that the Sumner loan has been paid off!			
Other items he highlighted included:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FOC will get a plaque [for dedicated service] to present to Bruce McKeag at the annual meeting. - FOC will need to bring on an at-large member. - CL is in the black \$62k for the year, although we ran a deficit for August. 			
<u>Nominating:</u> No additional discussion			
<u>Personnel:</u> No report			
<u>Policy:</u> No report			
Recommendation: NA			
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.			