

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Room 127

Present: Jamie Charlton, Duane Danielson, Amanda Franklin, Jill Hyda, Phil McIlrath, Liz Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Ken Popken, Teresa Powers, Bob Prigge, Randy Ratekin, Paul Rogness, Ann Rowland, Linda Russell, Marilyn Warling

Absent: Pastor Robin Coughenower

I. Call to Order – Prigge called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

We Gather in God's Name

Popken shared devotions from Philippians regarding the importance of interests of others.

II. Approval of August 2017 Minutes

Rogness moved to approve the August 2017 minutes. Seconded by Charlton. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson presented the report. Year-to-date expenses are running in line.

Nelson moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Powers. Motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Director of Youth & Family Ministry/Congregational Life Coordinator
 - Search Process
 - Job description was posted in early September with nationwide circulation. This includes the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, the Synod website and Facebook page. A couple potential candidates have expressed interest.
 - Search/Interview Team
 - A search committee with members from the pastoral team, Personnel Committee, Council and interest area will participate in interviews. Personnel Committee will do the initial review of resumes and applications. Members of the search committee will include Mike Blake, Pastor Olkiewicz, Maren Steensen, Tracey Hirst, Phil McIlrath and Amanda Franklin and one additional member. A book regarding youth ministry was recommended for reading by the search committee prior to interviews.
- Invite + Grow + Serve Subgroup Reports
 - A progress report was presented from the "Invite" subgroup. The subgroup has met with several members and groups of the Windsor Heights community with several more meetings being arranged.

- A progress report was presented from the “Grow” subgroup. The subgroup is looking a targeted and ongoing approach. A survey may be developed.
- A progress report was presented from the “Serve” subgroup. The subgroup is reviewing the Time & Talent survey and will be reaching out to the various committees.
- Website Progress Report
 - Ratekin reported that several updates to the new website are being discussed with an initial launch in the next two months.

V. Consent Agenda

- Russell announced that volunteers are still needed for Boo Bash on October 22.
- McIlrath stated that Buildings & Grounds are looking for any new members that would like to join the committee.

Popken moved to approve the Buildings & Grounds, Fellowship, Parish Education and Worship committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Warling. Motion carried.

VI. Pastors’ Reports & Teaching

- Pastor Chris shared information regarding the Stewardship program, which will last three weeks. The theme is “Transformed by Grace, Faith and Love” and ties with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The tri-synodical conference was held this week in West Des Moines. A review of WHLC staffing efficiencies and tasks was provided. Comments were provided from the guests from the Lutheran Theology Institute in Chicago who preached and participated the WHLC September 23rd weekend services. Both guests felt welcomed throughout the weekend.
- The teaching focused on the first four chapters of the WHLC Constitution while looking at it as a theological document.

VII. New Business

- Stewardship Process & Structure
 - Time & Talent
 - The topic was discussed during the “Serve” subgroup report.
 - Service Opportunities
 - The topic was discussed during the Pastors’ report.
- Committee and Task Force Structure Assessment
 - The purpose and format of all-committee night was addressed. Committee liaisons will work with their committees regarding the purpose and time of all-committee night.
- Thrivent Choice Funds Requests
 - Requests are due for consideration at the Council meeting in October. A reminder will be placed in the E-Weekly.

- VIII. Announcements, Correspondence & Assignments
- Executive Committee Meeting – October 10, 5:30 PM
 - All-Committee Night – October 10, 6:30 PM, Powers – facilitator
 - Council Meeting – October 24, 6:30 PM
 - October Council Meeting Devotions & Refreshments – Powers
 - Council Updates to Congregation
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Powers
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Russell
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Rowland

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

- IX. Adjournment
Pastor Chris shared insights regarding words of thanksgiving and encouragement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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