

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Room 127

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

Absent: Pastor Robin Coughenower, Ken Popken

I. Call to Order – Prigge called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

We Gather in God's Name

Powers shared devotions regarding belief.

II. Approval of September 2017 Minutes

Rogness moved to approve the September 2017 minutes. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson presented the report. Finance is working on the budget for next year with committees submitting budgets by November's All Committee night.

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

IV. Unfinished Business

- Website
 - New website is active with a more user friendly design. More work will be completed in the near future. Ratekin, Olkiewicz and Heidi Hennig will be meeting to discuss how the website can be updated.
- Director of Youth & Family Ministry/Congregational Life Coordinator
 - Search/Interview Team
 - The team consists of Maren Steensen, Tracy Hirst, Matt McNamara, Mike Blake, Julia Ratekin, Franklin, McIlrath and Olkiewicz.
 - Search Process
 - The posting has had a broad reach. The team will meet in a week to organize and set-up interviews for November. There are three top candidates that the team will be initially reviewing.
- Invite + Grow + Serve Subgroup Reports
 - A progress report was presented from the "Invite" subgroup. The group continues to meet with community members and groups. There is an openness to work together in future endeavors. Demographics of the Windsor Heights community have been provided and will be shared with the group.

- A progress report was presented from the “Grow” subgroup. The team is finalizing the survey for use.
- A progress report was presented from the “Serve” subgroup. Information has been gathered for updating and communicating the Time & Talent survey.
- All Committee Night
 - The frequency, benefits and consequences of having all committee meet at the same time were discussed. Committees could still meet regularly as needed. The Parish Hall will remain reserved for committees to meet the second Tuesday of the month. All Committee night will be held quarterly during February, May, August and November 2018.

V. Consent Agenda

Boo Bash was held on Sunday. The event was well-attended, and everyone enjoyed their time.

Powers moved to approve the Family Youth & Life, Fellowship and Worship committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Russell. Motion carried.

VI. Pastors' Reports & Teaching

- Earlier in October, WHLC and St. Theresa's Catholic Church met together for a Lutheran and Catholic conversation at WHLC. There is a desire to further this relationship between our congregations and look at opportunities to partner together in the future.
- The Reformation Commemoration service was held on October 22nd service at St. John's Lutheran. Reformation Sunday will be celebrated October 29th.
- As expected, insurance rates have increased for 2018, and the net difference will be reviewed.
- The teaching focused on chapters 5 to 9 of the WHLC Constitution while looking at it as a theological document.

VII. New Business

- Annual Meeting
 - The annual meeting will be in January at noon with a potluck.

Rogness moved to set the annual meeting date as January 21 at noon. Seconded by Russell. Motion carried.

- Nominating Committee
 - Powers' term will be completed at the end of 2017. The committee will seek candidates for a new council member with a three year term, youth or young adult council member with a one year term and a President elect.
 - Two to six people will be selected for the committee at November's Council meeting.

- Thrivent Choice Funds Requests
 - Requests for this period totaled \$1,283.78. Any check requests with invoice should be submitted to the church office.

Warling approved all the Thrivent requests as submitted. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

VIII. Announcements, Correspondence & Assignments

- Executive Committee Meeting – November 14, 5:30 PM
- All-Committee Night – November 14, 6:30 PM, Powers – facilitator
- Council Meeting – November 28, 6:30 PM
- November Council Meeting Devotions & Refreshments – McIlrath
- Council Updates to Congregation on November 4th/5th
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Powers
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Rogness
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Ratekin

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

IX. Adjournment

Pastor Chris closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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