

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Room 127

Present: Les Aasheim, Jamie Charlton, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Jill Hyda, Phil McIlrath, Liz Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Bob Prigge, Randy Ratekin, Ann Rowland, Kahlan Rowland, Linda Russell

Absent: Duane Danielson, Amanda Franklin, Ken Popken, Marilyn Warling, Mitch Yeager

I. Call to Order – Prigge called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

We Gather in God's Name

McIlrath shared a message from the ELCA presiding bishop and a piece from the *Chicago Tribune* related to the recent mass shooting in Florida.

II. Approval of January 2018 Minutes

Nelson moved to approve the January 2018 minutes. Seconded by McIlrath. Question was asked, and the minutes were approved as corrected. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- The report was provided to Council for review.

Rowland, A. moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Charlton. Motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Director of Youth & Family Ministry/Congregational Life Coordinator
 - Zachary Meyer is moving to the area this coming weekend. A reception will be held on Sunday with installation at the services and reception in between Sunday's services.

Ratekin moved to approve \$1,600 in expenses out of undesignated memorial funds for the purchase of office equipment for Zach. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

- Invite Task Force Report & Presentation
 - Charlton reviewed the task force's objective of conducting focus groups with community groups within a year from the retreat. Notes from conversations with all the various groups have been compiled and are available to Council. The task force has categorized areas: general community participation, specific partnerships and ecumenical partnerships. Several areas of potential ministries were shared. The task force would like to communicate their findings with various church committees and possibly include topics in the Window. A focused look at needs versus opportunities was suggested along with starting in one or two areas.

- Grow + Serve Subgroup Reports
 - A progress report was presented from the “Grow” subgroup. The methodology of the survey is being discussed in order to receive the best response.
 - A progress report was presented from the “Serve” subgroup. A Time and Talent survey tool has been developed, and it is to be distributed to the congregation within the next month.
- Security Task Force Report
 - The task force consists of Aasheim (chair), Richard Stoen, Marc Anderson, Wayne Barrett, Ratekin, Pastor Chris (resource) and Pastor Robin (resource).
 - The task force met on Monday, February 26. Barrett and Anderson are surveying other churches in the community. Aasheim and Popken attended a forum on security in faith communities where the Department of Homeland Security presented. A security audit of our new facility will be conducted by the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management. The next task force meeting will be March 12.

V. Consent Agenda

- Parish Education and Worship committee minutes were presented. McIlrath provided an update with Buildings and Grounds committee and redefining its committee role based on our current facility and systems used.

Ratekin moved to approve the Parish Education and Worship committee minutes. Seconded by McIlrath. Motion carried.

VI. Pastors’ Reports & Teaching

- Pastor Robin reported on her schedule adjustments with being half-time.
- Pastor Chris reported that Jim Spizale will be retiring as WHLC custodian at the end of April. Please pass along any interested candidates.
- Pastor Chris shared verses from John 8 and reflections from the Lenten devotional book with a focus on being open to new ideas, paths and change. Christ is with us and in our presence.

VII. New Business

- Approval of Fundraisers
 - Flower Sales (Easter & Christmas) – Worship Committee
 - Bell Choir Fundraiser (Advent/Christmas season) – Worship Committee
 - Easter Breakfast (Youth Fundraiser) – Family Life & Youth Committee
 - Youth Auction – Family Life & Youth Committee
 - ELCA Water Project – Lenten Offering

Aasheim moved to approve the proposed 2018 fundraisers. Seconded by Ratekin. Motion carried.

- Review of Inactive Member List
 - A list was compiled and reviewed. A letter was drafted to mail to households. No changes to the letter were provided.

- VIII. Announcements, Correspondence & Assignments
- Updated All-Committee Night Devotion & Host/Council Devotion & Treats Schedule
 - Council Meeting – March 27, 6:30 PM
 - Council Updates to Congregation
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Prigge
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – McIlrath
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Rowland, A.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Nelson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Russell. Motion carried.

Pastor Robin led Council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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