

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Room 127

Present: Les Aasheim, Jamie Charlton, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Duane Danielson, Jill Hyda, Liz Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Ken Popken, Bob Prigge, Randy Ratekin, Ann Rowland, Linda Russell, Mitch Yeager, Marilyn Warling

Absent: Amanda Franklin, Kahlan Rowland

Visitors: Bruce Dodgen, Paula Virtue

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

We Gather in God's Name

Charlton shared a poem by Wendell Berry about taking time to be in the moment and The Merton Prayer by Thomas Merton.

II. Pictorial Directory

- Bruce Dodgen and Paula Virtue discussed opportunities available for a new WHLC pictorial directory. A proposal was reviewed, including platform options. Council will further review the proposal and timing.

III. Approval of June 2018 Minutes

Prigge moved to approve the June 2018 minutes. Seconded by Aasheim. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson presented the report to Council for review. General offering has slightly decreased in the summer. Expenses are being well managed.

Ratekin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Warling. Motion carried.

V. Unfinished Business

- Subgroup Reports
 - Invite – Charlton updated that Cowles Montessori School and Clive Academy opportunities are moving forward. Communications on becoming a math or reading buddy are now being published to the congregation, including the E-Weekly.
 - Grow – No report this month.
 - Serve – Warling reported that group is meeting this month to understand what information was gathered, follow-up with volunteers and future recommendations.

- Security Task Force Update
 - Several security companies are being interviewed to receive bids for a video and monitoring system. Pastor Robin has been appointed as Safety Coordinator for WHLC. From recommendations received during the security audit, a security poster now is posted in the church office. A checklist is also being developed for a received threat.
- Monument Sign
 - Aasheim showed several visual options of a digital sign and for a sign that has LED backlights. Quotes are being obtained.

VI. Pastor Teaching Time

- Pastor Robin discussed the ELCA social statement on women and justice and WELCA's role at WHLC. Psalm 19:1-6 was read with reflections on prayer.

VII. Consent Agenda

- Fellowship report was received. Marc & Mary Anderson will be stepping down as co-chairs at the end of the year.
- A suggestion was received to provide the council update in the Window or E-Weekly. The update will be provided to Heidi Hennig to add to the website and a link in the E-Weekly.
- Vacation Bible School Preliminary Report
 - Approximately 54 kids are signed up with around 20 volunteers. Over 30 children are attending from outside WHLC. Positive feedback received on the roles from Zach Meyer and Amanda Lauritsen. A cookout will be held after Saturday night worship.

VIII. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin discussed the safety coordinator description as well as card and key access updates. Information from the Memorial Committee was also received. Council is to bring ideas where funds may be desired to support current needs of the church.
- Pastor Chris asked Council to think about WHLC's committee structure and what is needed to accomplish our ministry vision. Faith in daily life will be a focus this fall under the theme God's Work, Our Hands. Beginning in the fall, a Bible study led by the pastors and an evening prayer will be held weekly on Wednesday evenings.

IX. Announcements, Correspondence & Assignments

- All Committee Night – August 14, 6:30 PM
- Council Meeting – August 28, 6:30 PM
- Council Meeting Devotion/Refreshments – Ratekin
- Council Updates to Congregation – July 28/29

- Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Charlton
- Sunday 9:30 AM Service – Yeager

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Adjournment

Pastor Chris led Council in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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