

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Room 127

Present: Les Aasheim, John Ambrosion, Jamie Charlton, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Duane Danielson, Amanda Eakins, Jill Hyda, Suzanne Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Ken Popken, John Reed, Ann Rowland, Linda Russell, Samuel Steensen, Mitch Yeager, Marilyn Warling

I. Call to Order – Aasheim called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

We Gather in God's Name

- Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping
 - Committee liaison assignments were provided to each council member.
- Yeager shared experiences from his spiritual life and growth from his youth and time in the Navy. He shared a verse from John 13:34 and the song, “Son of Man” by Jimmy Clift.

Ambrosion moved to approve the meeting agenda. Popken seconded. Motion carried.

II. Approval of January 2019 Minutes

Warling moved to approve the January 2019 minutes. Seconded by Rowland. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to the Council. A Certificate of Deposit matured and was renewed. Brian Ryherd has joined the Finance Committee.

Yeager moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Popken. Motion carried.

IV. For the Good of the Order

- Rowland shared about her trip to Cuba with the Road Scholar group last month.

V. Pastor's Reports

- Pastor Robin discussed decisions related to weather-related events at the church. The Southeastern Iowa Synod theme is “One Bread. One Body”. The congregation will have a reusable shopping bag to fill and represent a new or existing ministry the congregation supports. The full bag will be brought to the synod assembly in May.
- Pastor Chris stated that a thank you was received from the synod for WHLC's gift to mission support from 2018. DMARC has a spring assembly on March 12, 7 PM at the West Des Moines Christian Church. A delegate from WHLC can attend. He participated in Lutheran Day on the Hill on February 19 and met with legislators.

Children from the Chin Baptist Church have started participating in Wednesday evening activities.

VI. Unfinished Business

- Monument Sign
 - The sign is being built and will be sent to the design company to be placed into the cabinet in March.
- 75th Anniversary
 - The task force continues to meet. Former pastors, ministers of health and youth directors have been invited to share updates about their families at services in the summer. A luncheon will be held on August 11 at the Urbandale Golf & Country Club. A display on the history of the facility has been installed inside the front doors.
- Pictorial Directory
 - A preview is available to Council members to view. A sign-in will be used by members to view the directory on the website. The directory will be available in April.

VII. Book Discussion

- Council will be reading *Surprised by Hope* by N. T. Wright throughout the year.

VIII. New Business

- Snow Removal
 - The current contractor for snow removal will be done at the end of February. Two bids were received. Costs will be slightly higher for the rest of the winter season.

Aasheim moved to recommend hiring Titan Lawn & Landscape for snow removal. Seconded by Russell. Motion carried.

- Lenten Suppers
 - Volunteers have signed up for each Wednesday. Council will serve the meal on Wednesday, March 20.
- Worship Time Survey
 - The survey will close on March 10. The Worship Committee will begin reviewing the responses. A preliminary report will be provided at the March Council meeting.
- Council Meeting Times
 - Meetings will remain at 6:30 PM.

- Committee Meeting Structure
 - All-committee nights will be held quarterly again this year. The next all-committee night is March 12.
- Representatives to Synod Assembly
 - The Southeast Iowa Synod Assembly will held May 10-11 at the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. One male and one female voting member will attend the assembly along with pastors. WHLC will have a short video shared at the synod assembly in celebration of WHLC's 75th anniversary. Warling volunteered as the female voting member.
- Lenten Offering
 - Global Community & Action committee selected On with Life and The Puppy Jake Foundation for the weekly Lenten Offering this year.

Russell moved to approve the Lenten Offering be sent to On with Life and The Puppy Jake Foundation. Seconded by Charlton. Motion carried.

- The Worship Committee asked that Easter Garden donations be approved for the DMARC Food Pantry.

Ambroson moved to approve the Easter Garden donations be given to the DMARC Food Pantry. Seconded by Warling. Motion carried.

IX. Committee Reports

- Worship and Fellowship committee reports were provided to Council.

X. Announcements

- Council Meeting – March 26, 6:30 PM
- Council Meeting Devotion/Refreshments – Warling
- Council Updates to Congregation – March 2/3
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Aasheim
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Yeager
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Ambroson

XI. Reflections

- Background on the monument sign was provided to new Council members.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XII. Adjournment

Pastor Robin led Council in a closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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