

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

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

Absent: John Ambroson, Jill Hyda, Ken Popken

I. Call to Order & Quorum Established – Aasheim called the meeting to order.

We Gather in God's Name

- Warling provided devotions and prayer based on Matthew 6:9-10 and portions from *Surprised by Hope*.

Reed moved to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

II. Approval of February 2019 Minutes

Charlton moved to approve the February 2019 minutes. Seconded by Rowland. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to the Council. The Strong in Faith capital appeal has totaled \$667,000.

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

IV. For the Good of the Order

- Council shared their church background and favorite hymn.
- Steensen mentioned the need to fix the toy refrigerator and touch up some paint chips in the nursery.

V. Pastor's Reports

- Pastor Robin discussed some ideas to fill the bag for the Synod Assembly. Aasheim and Warling will be the two voting members at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly in May.
- Pastor Chris participated in the ordination of Pr. Biak of the Chin Baptist church.

- VI. Unfinished Business
- Monument Sign
 - The sign may have a problem with the wattage of the electrical service and new wiring may be needed to run to the sign.
 - 75th Anniversary
 - The task force is working on details of the luncheon. Tickets will go on sale in May.
- VII. Book Discussion
- Council discussed the first two chapters of *Surprised by Hope*. Points included Christian hope in the resurrection and in the kingdom of God and what does that hope mean for us as Christians today. Council will read and discuss chapters 3 and 4 at April's meeting.
- VIII. New Business
- Worship Time Survey
 - There were a total of 166 responses. Data from three questions will be published to the congregation: 1. Which service do you usually attend? 2. Do you feel it would be a good idea to have only one service on Sunday morning? 3. Instead of Saturday would worship on a Sunday evening or other day of the week work for you? Next steps and further discussion will occur at April's meeting.
 - By-laws & Committee Structure
 - More work will be done regarding committee structures, as several committees are in a transition period.
- IX. Committee Reports
- Building & Grounds, Worship and Fellowship committee reports were provided to Council.
 - Reed noted that the Parish Education committee set Vacation Bible School dates and time for July 22-25 from 8:30 – 3:00 PM. The theme will be "Who is your neighbor", which explores different cultures and countries. Reed also shared the committee's concern about the viability of Sunday morning classes for youth.
 - For the Care and Nurture committee, Jan Grannes would like to pass along the work of sending birthday cards. The committee will be sending care packages to college students soon.
- X. Announcements
- Council Meeting – April 23, 6:30 PM
 - Council Updates to Congregation – March 30/31
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Nelson
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Rowland
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Steensen

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Notes taken by: Pastor Robin.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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