

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Room 127

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

Absent: Jamie Charlton, Ann Rowland, Samuel Steensen

Visitors: Mark Fasse, Zach Meyer

I. Call to Order & Quorum Established – Aasheim called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

We Gather in God's Name

- Ambrosion led the group in prayer and discussed transformation as described in *Surprised by Hope*.

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

II. Approval of March 2019 Minutes

Ambrosion moved to approve the March 2019 minutes. Seconded by Yeager. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to the Council. A Certificate of Deposit matured and was renewed. Signing authority was updated with the bank. An extra \$100,000 mortgage payment was made this month.

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

IV. Foundation Report

- Fasse provided the 2018 report. The foundation assets are over \$500,000. For 2019, \$19,800 is to be distributed to various charities with \$2,400 available to WHLC. Council is to submit a request to the Foundation for use of these funds. Deb Goss is the current Foundation president. Kevin Nicolet's term has completed, and Jill Hyda has been nominated to fill this spot on the board.

Ambrosion moved to approve the nominations and distribution report. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

V. Sunday & Wednesday Education

- Meyer reported on the latest activities that are occurring on Wednesday and Sunday. Sunday school has seen low attendance for at least the last six months, but we are observing increased participation at Wednesday's education and activity time. The

Chin Baptist youth are also participating. The high school and middle school youth continue to have successful activities on Sundays. The Parish Ed Committee continues to review ideas for the future.

VI. For the Good of the Order

- Aasheim discussed the new artwork pieces now on display created by Dana Leahy and the Elderberries group and Dan and Deb Goss.

VII. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin reported that the new digital sign has been installed. Training on how to update the message will occur with the staff. One-on-one conversations related to WHLC's participation in the Turning Point program have begun and have been meaningful in learning about each other and developing deeper relationships.
- Pastor Chris updated that Pub Theology is now meeting at Gusto Pizza in West Des Moines. All are welcome to participate. The pictorial directory continues to move forward and will consist only of photos and names.

Popken moved that the directory be placed behind a password wall on the church website. Seconded by Reed. Motion carried.

- Pastor Chris also discussed ongoing issues with the church network equipment. The equipment is over 10 years old and would require replacement and upgrade when the equipment fails. A quote was received from NetWorks Inc.

Ambrosion moved to approve the NetWorks Inc. quote with the account line recommendation from the Finance Committee for invoice payment. Seconded by Yeager. Motion carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- 75th Anniversary
 - Tickets sales for the 75th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon will begin on May 4/5. The last date to purchase will be July 27/28. George Hanusa has been busy writing "History Bits". The library set of the confirmation classes will be placed in the narthex for viewing for the summer. With Mary Wegner's assistance, research is being done on the best methods to use to preserve documents for the future that pertain to the history of WHLC. A summer reception will be held after Sunday worship service to not only have time of fellowship with these invitees but also an opportunity to invite others. It is hoped a schedule of the invitees will be published in May. Neighboring churches, including the Chin Baptist Church, Windsor Presbyterian, Windsor Methodist, as well as various groups that use WHLC's facility have been invited to participate and provide a brief history of their group. A statement for contributions to 75th Anniversary Celebration is being published in the various church's publications.

IX. Book Discussion

- Council discussed the chapters 3 & 4 of *Surprised by Hope*. Pastor Robin highlighted some thoughts from Caroline Lewis on the resurrection that connected to the theme of the assigned reading. Council will read and discuss chapters 5 & 6 for May's meeting.

X. New Business

The Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

- Church Office
 - Heidi Hennig will be taking parental leave in July. Linda Fasse will fill the church office duties during Heidi's absence.

The Executive Session was closed.

- Worship Time Survey
 - The survey was presented at the adult forum last month where some feedback was shared. The Executive Committee will further discuss. A decision will be made this summer.
- Chin Baptist Facility Usage
 - Pastor Chris met with the pastor of the Chin Baptist group. The group has some additional needs for meeting on Saturday, including religious educational classes and bible study. The times for these studies would not interfere with Saturday service and activities.

XI. Committee Reports

- None to report

XII. Announcements

- Council Meeting – May 28, 6:30 PM
- Council Updates to Congregation – April 27/28
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Nelson
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Yeager
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Ambroson

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XIII. Adjournment

Pastor Chris closed in prayer with verses from Psalm 16.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda

WHLC Council Secretary
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