

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Room 127

Present: Les Aasheim, John Ambroson, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Jill Hyda, Ken Popken, Suzanne Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, John Reed, Linda Russell, Samuel Steensen, Mitch Yeager, Marilyn Warling

Absent: Jamie Charlton, Duane Danielson, Amanda Eakins, Ann Rowland

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

We Gather in God's Name

- Reed provided the devotion from N. T. Wright on the ascension.

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

II. Approval of May 2019 Minutes

Nelson moved to approve the May 2019 minutes. Seconded by Reed. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to the Council. Offerings remain on track.

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

IV. For the Good of the Order

- Popken noted that the pictorial directory is available on the WHLC website.
- Reed spoke that the new sign has been a great addition.
- Aasheim shared verses from the hymn, *God of Grace, God of Glory*, which was sung recently at worship.

V. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin reported that the commercial property insurance renews next month. Elderberries will be celebrating their State Fair day in July. Concerns regarding mobility up and down the stairs to the altar and possibilities to address this issue. Contact will be made with Buildings & Grounds committee on possible options. The office has the ability to print larger print versions of the hymns for those who may need. People may let the pastors know if there is a need.
- Pastor Chris discussed the proposed Wednesday evening schedule for the fall, which would incorporate more education instead of having a regular Sunday School

session. A 30 minute family-friendly worship service will also be incorporated. Over the next year, emphasis will be given to the following issues for faith and life with ways to engage meaningfully: gun violence (fall), racism (winter), and care for creation (spring). Linda Fasse has started training with Heidi in the office to prepare for Heidi's parental leave.

VI. Unfinished Business

- Easter Seals Projects
 - The Easter Seals coordinator met with staff to brainstorm ideas that may work for projects and collaboration between our communities, including participation with Vacation Bible School.
- Security
 - A review of current policies and situational response was discussed. Guidelines for ushers will be compiled to assist during services.
- Listening Posts
 - Two listening posts have been held to date. Comments were collected and shared. An additional session will be held July 21.

VII. Book Discussion

- Council discussed the chapters 7-9 of *Surprised by Hope* and a look at the ascension, judgment and how it impacts our actions and treatment of the world we live in today. Council will read and discuss chapters 10-11 for July's meeting.

VIII. New Business

- Group Donations
 - A \$750 gift was received from the Chin Church. The elders would like to provide a more regular gift and express their gratitude to the congregation. An additional gift was received from a group utilizing the facility to use towards maintenance of the facility.

Ambrosion moved to accept the donations and to establish a permanent fund for future use by Council with emphasis on the buildings and grounds. Seconded by Steensen. Motion carried.

- Turning Point
 - A session was held in June at the synod offices in Iowa City. Several progressive ideas have been implemented at WHLC during the past year. Many one-on-one conversations were held and were fruitful discussions. Next, the team will conduct conversations with community stakeholders.
- Recognition of Capital Appeal Campaign & 75th Anniversary Committees
 - Council would like to recognize the committees for their work.
- Our Mission – Invite, Grow, Serve
 - Is the mission still reflective of our purpose and work? A mission review may be completed later in the year.

IX. Committee Reports

- Warling shared the Foundation meeting and distribution report.
- Russell reported the excitement around Vacation Bible School. Sixty-five children have registered to date.

X. Announcements

- Council Meeting – July 23, 6:30 PM
- Council Updates to Congregation – June 29/30
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Nelson
 - Sunday 9:30 AM Service – Russell

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XI. Adjournment

Pastor Chris closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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