

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Room 127

Present: Les Aasheim, John Ambroson, Amanda Eakins, Jill Hyda, Ken Popken, Suzanne Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, John Reed, Ann Rowland, Linda Russell, Marilyn Warling

Absent: Jamie Charlton, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Duane Danielson, Samuel Steensen, Mitch Yeager

Visitors: Chad McCluskey

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

We Gather in God's Name

- Rowland provided the devotion from the WELCA publication.

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

II. Approval of August 2019 Minutes

An email vote was held to approve the carpet cleaning. Recording of vote are attached with these minutes.



09.16.19 Facility
Carpet Cleaning E-V

Nelson moved to approve the August 2019 minutes. Seconded by Popken. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to the Council. The offerings year-to-date are head of last year. A principal payment to the mortgage with funds from the Loren Olson Estate was made. The Finance Committee completed the annual audit in September.

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

IV. Windsor Heights Public Safety Director & Fire/Police Chief

- Chief McCluskey visited with Council on safety and security measures to consider with handouts provided. Chief McCluskey noted that frequent communication with outside groups using the facility is important.

V. For the Good of the Order

- The Little Library movement was founded by a Lutheran in Wisconsin to encourage children and people to read and share books. Several members are interested to install a little library on the property along 66th Street. The idea is being further researched.
- The play nursery kitchen set is anchored to prevent falling and potentially causing an injury.
- The 75th Anniversary Task Force will have their final meeting on October 1. A final anniversary event will be held November 2 & 3 related to the blessings received at WHLC. A reception Saturday evening and between Sunday services will occur.
- Yeager, Warling and Nelson are meeting about recognition of several groups' work for WHLC on November 10th.

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin shared updates from her coordination of the Elderberries group. The group continues to thrive and enjoy their time together. Heidi Hennig is returning as Office Manager from parental leave. A big thank you to Linda Fasse for filling in for Heidi the last three months.
- Pastor Chris attended the Fall Theological Conference in Des Moines this week. Themes included knowing your neighbor and vocation formation. An appreciation was given to Father John Ludwig for preaching last weekend. Pastor Chris also shared about his participation at an ecumenical consultation coordinated by the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). The ELCA continues to be full communion partner with the PCUSA. October will begin conversation on gun violence. Pastor Chris also shared a pastoral letter from Bishop Eaton on racism, which will be a topic of conversation this winter.

VII. Unfinished Business

- Sunday Services Decision
 - Feedback continues to be received and discussed.
- Landscaping, Lawn Care & Snow Removal
 - New lawn care service will be needed for the 2020 season. Aasheim is seeking quotes for both snow removal, lawn care and landscaping. Quotes are being reviewed with the Buildings & Grounds committee. A recommendation will be brought to Council. WHLC owns riding and push mowers. Communication that bids are being sought will be provided to the congregation. Interested individuals may contact Les Aasheim.
- 2020 Committee Structure
 - Several committees have moved to an event structure versus a standing committee. Anyone interested in participating with a committee or subject may contact the office to be directed to the appropriate person in charge.

VIII. Book Discussion

- Council discussed the chapters 14-15 of *Surprised by Hope* and if the resurrection of Jesus made a difference. Live like you belong to the new world here and now in our actions and how we treat each other. Council will re-read the preface and sermons to discuss at October's meeting.

IX. New Business

- Mutual Ministry Committee
 - The three past Council presidents will serve as members on the committee, as appointed by the current president.
- Parking
 - It is encouraged to leave parking spots open in front of the main entrance for those that have mobility issues.
- Wednesday Worship
 - Wednesday evening service and faith formation is now being held. Good participation has occurred in the first couple weeks.
- Member Use of Church Equipment & Supplies
 - Council recommends that the kitchen committee review if a policy needs to be implemented and communicated on use or check-out of equipment.
- Use of Parish Hall for Pickle Ball
 - A member has requested if the Parish Hall can be used for pickle ball courts. The group would need to take down and set-up with tables and chairs in Parish Hall. Further information will be collected for consideration.

X. Committee Reports

- None received.

XI. Announcements

- Council Meeting – October 22, 6:30 PM
- Council Updates to Congregation – September 28/29
 - Saturday 5:30 PM Service – Nelson
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Service – Popken
 - Sunday 10:45 AM Service – Reed

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XII. Adjournment

Pastor Chris closed in prayer for the human family.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
September 24, 2019