

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present: John Ambrosion, Jessica Chance, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Sue Crum, Duane Danielson, Jill Hyda, Pam Lundell, Suzanne Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, John Reed, Mitch Yeager

Absent: Halley Ryherd, Amanda Shepard-Eakins, Samuel Steensen

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Ambrosion called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

- Reed shared some selections from several religious traditions during the 1918 pandemic and led the group in prayer.

II. Secretary's Report

Nelson moved to approve the May 2020 minutes. Seconded by Chance. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to Council. General offerings were below budget for May. A certificate of deposit matured and was renewed. The three investment gifts continue to be held and are being monitored against the market.

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

IV. For the Good of the Order

- None reported.

V. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin shared with Pastor Chris a gift from the congregation on his 25th anniversary of ordination. Pastor Robin met with the Mutual Ministry Committee this month and continues to be grateful for the online worship experience. The WELCA Bible study was held online last week and provided an opportunity to gather together even though not in person.

- Pastor Chris reported he is participating in the Presbyterian USA Church Assembly as the ELCA representative this week. The plan is to start holding small worship gatherings in Crabtree Parish Hall the week of July 6th. A registration tool will be used to attend a service. Pastor Chris also shared about the current status of several outside groups who use our facility. Heartland Youth Choir is reviewing the guidelines from their professional choral music associations about possible

programming capabilities in the fall. The Easter Seals is re-starting programming but will not be meeting at WHLC until the facility is open. Conversations are in progress with the Chin Baptist Church. Further discussion on plans will occur in the coming summer months. Several preventive maintenance items are being addressed. HVAC vendors will be at WHLC to increase the outdoor air flow. Water taps will be flushed, especially since most have not been frequently used for months.

VI. Old Business

- Family Promise Update
 - WHLC will end our hosting schedule for 2021. Support will be provided with other means.
- Crabtree Plaque
 - The plaque has been installed, and a photo will be provided to the attorney per the estate requirements.
- Landscaping
 - Pastor Chris and Chuck Young met with the vendor regarding landscaping needs. The goal is to have low maintenance but an aesthetic look. The south side continues to be a main and visible issue with weeds.

Crum moved for the installation of the \$3,300 quote from DeVries to lay sod and additional cost to update the north side lower level with mulch to be done late summer/early fall with funds from Thrivent and the Foundation grant. Seconded by Reed. Motion carried.

- Video Communications & Installation
 - The Livestream is working well.
- WHLC Foundation
 - The list of recipients of 2020 gifts were provided to Council. A grant was provided to WHLC towards landscaping and/or hearing impaired assistance.

VII. New Business

- Small Outdoor Groups
 - A small gathering was held with the pastors and several couples, and one will also occur over at Windsor Place. Individual one-on-one meetings are happening. All provide opportunities for community and communion. These can also occur outside at WHLC as well. Contact the pastors if interested.
- Small Group Worship
 - Services are currently being planned the first week of July. Three weekday services would occur: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM & 3 PM and Wednesdays at 7 PM. A sign-up schedule will be published for July. Advice will be sought from the Health Advisory Committee as August approaches.

- VIII. Announcements
- Council Meeting – July 28, 6:30 PM
 - Council Congregational Update – Ambrosion

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

- IX. Reflections & Closing Prayer
- Pastor Robin shared a selection from an article, “Should Churches Reopen?” in *Time* magazine written by N.T. Wright.

- X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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