

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** John Ambroson, Julie Borseth, Jessica Chance, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Sue Crum, Tony Dahlman, Duane Danielson, Tracey Hirst, Jill Hyda, Pam Lundell, Matt McNamara, Suzanne Nelson, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, John Reed, Halley Ryherd, Amanda Shepard-Eakins  
**Absent:** Samuel Steensen

***We Gather in God's Name***

I. Call to Order

- Ryherd called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
  
- Ryherd shared an opening devotion from Philippians 4:10-14 on sharing each other's troubles and a prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Lundell moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chance. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

Reed moved to approve the December 2020 minutes. Seconded by McNamara. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to Council. Danielson explained the balance sheet, income sheet and sequence of revenue report.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Reed commented on the success of the Annual Meeting. Pastor Chris reflected on the number of people who joined and their support of the church.
  
- Ryherd sent thank you notes to Bryan and Karen Jansen on their work on the Parish Hall floors, the facilitator of the AA women's group and the Chin Baptist group for their continued gifts to the church.

## VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin shared that one of the benefits on change to Church Mutual Insurance includes monitor sensors for temperature and humidity in the facility. Pastor Robin also discussed memorials. She manages these funds, and it is something to keep in mind if there is a need to use for a particular cause.
- Pastor Chris explained the pastors' role on Council as non-voting participants. He shared how difficult it has been this past year in WHLC's hospitality ministry, including our partnership with the schools, neighborhood and use of the facility. Pastor Chris shared the hope to renew these connections and develop new relationships after the pandemic. Several in-person activities have restarted with Faith Formation, confirmation and high school youth group ministries in groups of 10 or fewer. Small group communion services will begin soon and will move to the sanctuary. Lent will be live-streamed with Holden Evening Prayer with special music offered. A focus will be building health kits at home for Hunger World Relief.

## VII. Old Business

- Health Advisory Team
  - The team met earlier in January. The team supported Heartland Youth Choir to resume activities, which follows protocols in place. Other small groups that may have interest in gathering in-person can reach out to the pastors to schedule for facility use.
- Meeting with Bishop Current
  - The pastors and Executive Committee met with the Bishop earlier in January. Each person shared their story of joining WHLC. Many ways of connecting have been ongoing within the church. She asked to be invited and looks forward to celebrating worship with WHLC when the pandemic allows everyone to gather together. The synod assembly will occur in May.
- Annual Meeting
  - The meeting was held Sunday, January 24 at 11:30 AM. Google Meet was used for the online platform. The meeting went well with no technology issues.
- Synod Assembly Representatives
  - Pam Lundell and Tony Dahlman will be the voting members at the synod assembly in May.

Ambrosion made a motion to affirm Lundell & Dahlman as the synod assembly representatives. Seconded by Reed. Motion carried.

## VIII. New Business

- Welcome New Council Members
  - Ryherd thanked Hirst, Borseth, Dahlman and McNamara for serving on Council.
- Parking Lot Painting
  - A question was asked at one of the budget review meetings whether it was time to repaint the parking lot lines. Pastor Robin recommended contacting Wayne

Barrett to see if there is a past contact. Ryherd will reach out to possible vendors.

- Other
  - The Heartland Youth Choir is looking for a part-time business manager. Any people interested may contact Lundell for more information.
  - Committee liaisons will be assigned at next meeting. Liaisons share information with the committees that may come from Council and also bring forward anything to Council. A review and discussion of committees and organizational model will continue, especially after the pandemic.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Monday, February 22, 6:30 PM
- Council Contact Information & Committee Liaison preferences should be entered in the Google Form by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

***We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission***

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Robin shared a blessing from Proverbs and a prayer for our homes.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Hyda  
WHLC Council Secretary  
January 25, 2021