

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 22, 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, Samuel Steensen

**Absent:** None

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

I. Call to Order

- Ryherd called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
  
- Ambroson shared the story of Korah from the Old Testament and also Psalm 46 with the theme that God is always there.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Lundell moved to approve the February 2021 minutes. Seconded by Hirst. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to Council. February income was very good. The refund from GuideOne was received.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Ambroson and Danielson shared that WHLC does not qualify for a small business loan if one was desired at some point with the new availability for such loans.
- Pastor Robin shared WHLC is close to 300 personal care kits with more expected.

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin reported information regarding memorials and several examples of past uses with the funds.
  
- Pastor Chris shared a piece on returning to worship, as more people are vaccinated. Staff has started brainstorming post-pandemic thoughts and ideas and will share the document with Council. Pastor asked Council to think about what things have we done during the pandemic which have been good, and have we benefitted from

things that have been difficult for others? How might we use these benefits to help others? What do people have energy for?

VII. Old Business

- Health Advisory Team
  - The team met this month. Current plans remain in place. Small group meetings are OK if socially distanced and wearing masks. They continue to encourage vaccination when people are able.
- Parking Lot Painting
  - A vendor list was collected. The lot to the west of Crabtree Parish Hall is needing restriping. The previous cost was approximately \$300. Ryherd will reach out to Chuck Young.

McNamara moved to approve painting of the west lot once bids are collected. Seconded by Ambrosion. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

- Committee Liaisons/Leadership Discussion
  - Committee liaison assignments were shared. Liaisons were encouraged to reach out to committee leaders.
- Looking Ahead to the Future
  - Ryherd connected with each council member to discuss post-pandemic life at WHLC. Discussion occurred around being able continue to provide access to services and other church activities to others who might not be able to participate in-person. Additional points in the conversations included how can WHLC be active and work with marginalized communities and groups and how does WHLC properly grieve the losses experienced during the pandemic? A common theme heard was missing conversations with the people at WHLC and how we can share our stories and experiences.
- Directory Call-through
  - Council members will reach out to members to touch-base and have conversations looking at the future.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Monday, April 26, 6:30 PM
- After Palm Sunday Service, Palm Drive-through – Sunday, March 28 10:30 AM - Noon

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

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Robin closed the meeting with a passage and reflection from Jeremiah 30 and closed in prayer.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Hyda  
WHLC Council Secretary  
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