

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 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, Amanda Shepard-Eakins, Samuel Steensen

Absent: Halley Ryherd

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Dahlman called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- Ambroson read Jeremiah 29:11-14 and led the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Hirst moved to approve the September 2021 minutes. Seconded by Chance. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Danielson provided the report to Council. A Certificate of Deposit was renewed for another 10 months. Another CD will mature in December. Expenses were in line. General offerings were below budget for the month.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Dahlman recognized Reed and Greg Gustafson for the food at the fall tailgating event. Thanks to Ambroson & the Men's Bible Study for grilling and Zach Meyer for the games. The event had great weather and was quite successful.
- Confirmation was celebrated on October 24th. It was great to have a somewhat normal celebration. Unfortunately, Truck or Treat was cancelled due to the weather.
- Shepard-Eakins shared that the Parish Ed group is going to participate in an event at the Windsor Heights community center for a movie showing of *Hocus Pocus*. Plans are to share treats from the cancelled Trunk or Treat.

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Chris shared he attended the planning meeting for the May 2022 National Workshop on Christian Unity in Anaheim, which will be held at Christ Cathedral. He also continues to serve on the Committee on Ecumenical and Inter Religious Relations of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dedicated live-streaming microphones for musical groups and the organ were installed.
- Pastor Robin reported that she received a letter from WHLC's insurance carrier that our current insurance policy includes terrorism coverage with the choice to opt out. It was agreed to maintain the coverage.

VII. Old Business

- Health Advisory Team
 - The team recommended that the ropes could be removed to allow for more seating within the sanctuary as individuals are comfortable. Reed reported that the team was hopeful with current trends, but no other changes will occur at this time.
- Capital Appeal
 - Gratitude will be a theme for November with the stewardship emphasis leading towards commitments in early December. Ryherd will lead the group. Communicating details on the mortgage, the significant progress made over the past nine years and the current favorable position will be highlighted to the congregation.
- School Service Project
 - Borseth shared that the collection has started for the personal needs pantry with Windsor Elementary. Details have been shared in the bulletin and E-Weekly. It is hoped this will be an ongoing program to support.
- Event in Remembrance
 - The event will be held the weekend of November 6th & 7th.

VIII. New Business

- 2022 Budget
 - Committees should report to the Finance Committee any changes needed for the 2022 budget.
- Nominating Committee
 - Council members are asked to provide any recommendations for individuals to serve on the committee or those who may be interested in open council positions to Ryherd, Dahlman or Ambrosion.
- Annual Meeting
 - The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23. Annual reports will need to be submitted to the office several weeks ahead of the meeting. The deadline will be shared at the November meeting.

Ambrosion moved that the annual meeting be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022.
Seconded by Borseth. Motion carried.

- NPR Pandemic Study
 - Pastor Chris shared the study with Council. The study looked at many aspects, including individuals' financial, emotional, mental effects. Results highlight the need to rejoice and celebrate those things we can do together but also the need for patience and graciousness. If there are ways the church can respond or ministry initiatives, please provide those ideas to the pastors.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Monday, November 22, 6:30 PM

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Robin read part of Psalm 119 and closed with a prayer on Vocation in Daily Life.

XI. Adjournment

Shepard-Eakins moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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