

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2022
Crabtree Parish Hall

Present: Sharman Blake, Julie Borseth, Norm Carlson, Jessica Chance, Pastor Robin Coughenower, Sue Crum, Tony Dahlman, Tracey Hirst, Jill Hyda, Pam Lundell, Matt McNamara, Michael McNamara, Kevin Nicolet, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Halley Ryherd, Barb Waymire

Absent: None

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Dahlman called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

- Tony shared the parable of the sower from Matthew 13 and asked about the story we want to tell as Council and as WHLC.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Crum moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ryherd. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

Borseth moved to approve the January 2022 minutes. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. January was a good month in general offering with five Sundays. Pastor Chris suggested looking at quotes for future snow removal service. If there are any suggestions, please forward to the pastors.

Chance moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Hirst. Motion carried.

V. For the Good of the Order

- None to report

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Chris reported some metrics on the livestream usage. The Lenten emphasis is on resettlement with refugees from Afghanistan and expected needs from Ukraine.

- Pastor Robin shared about the new finished table used in the back of the sanctuary and also can be used in the front of the church such as during. Memorial funds from Sue Burt were used. The table will be dedicated on March 20th. Lutheran Lakeside

Camp in Spirit Lake is looking for support funds and is one of three ELCA camping ministries in the state.

VII. Old Business

- Health Advisory Team
 - Coffee and donuts are now being offered in between services.
 - VBS lunches and Wednesday fall meals will be decided closer to the events based on current numbers.
 - Musical groups may decide on whether to wear masks or not.
 - CDC guidelines were updated. Based on Polk County's current numbers, the team recommended that masks may be optional at all activities. If the numbers increase, then the recommendations will change.
 - Easter breakfast will be discussed with the team.

Borseth moved to approve the recommendation from the Health Advisory Team for masks being optional, groups can decide whether to wear masks or not at their activities, and WHLC will refer to current CDC guidelines. Seconded by Crum. Resuming funeral luncheons were discussed and OK to proceed. Motion carried.

- Synod Assembly Representatives
 - The synod assembly is May 20-21 in Coralville, Iowa. A male delegate is being sought. The assembly theme is "Go Tell the Story", the same as the WHLC Lenten theme. Bishop Current will be attending and presiding at WHLC in May.

VIII. New Business

- Committee Assignments
 - Dahlman will send out committee liaison assignments. Liaisons should reach out to the committee leads and start conversations. Pastor Chris recommended Council think about the committee structure and possible movement with certain groups to task forces for specific needs and activities.
- Lenten Offerings & Activities
 - Lutheran Services in Iowa will be supported for resettlement efforts. LSI will present at a forum on March 27th to discuss their programs.

Ryherd moved to support the LSI Fund a Family program with Lenten offerings. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

- Summer Activities
 - VBS will be held the last week of July.
 - Heartland Youth Choir summer songs camp will be held at WHLC.
 - Saturday Night Service was suspended until May. A summer service could be held outdoors when weather cooperates. Council and Worship Committee will be discussing plans in the future.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Monday, March 28, 6:30 PM in-person

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Chris closed the group in prayer about the violence of war.

XI. Adjournment

Hirst moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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