

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2022
Room 127

Present: Sharman Blake, 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: Julie Borseth

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Dahlman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Carlson shared a devotion and opening prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Blake moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

Ryherd moved to approve the March 2022 minutes. Seconded by Crum. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council and shared there was a negative income this month. This is usually reflective of some more expenses that were due this time of the year. There is good working capital, and offerings are above expectations right now.

Nicolet moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Lundell. Motion carried.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Ryherd shared that she will be on an upcoming episode of Jeopardy between June 27 – July 1.
- Waymire congratulated Dahlman on finishing the half marathon at the Drake Road Race.
- Blake shared that the first Liftoff was successful and hoping to continue every month.
- Hirst thanked everyone for helping with the Easter Breakfast.
- Pastor Chris reported we held our first community Wednesday evening meal since the pandemic.

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Chris shared he will be traveling to Los Angeles the first week of May for the National Workshop on Christian Unity. He shared an article by Dwight Zscheile published in the *Living Lutheran* on the look and participation of congregations amongst different generations. Core principles of Christianity include worship, prayer, scripture & service and looking to renew these principles to the present day.
- Pastor Robin reported the excitement around Holy Week and Easter with services and celebrations close to pre-pandemic times. Pastor Robin shared that she has taken a new part-time position in April at Augustana Lutheran Church in Boone as a visitation pastor. She has also accepted an appointment by Bishop Current to the constitution committee of the synod.

VII. Old Business

- Health Advisory Team
 - Case loads continue to decrease, and the team will continue to monitor numbers in the community. The team will no longer meet every month but as needed.
- Snow Removal
 - Removal costs have been significant over the past couple years. Council members provided recommendations on vendors to explore.
- Bishop Current Visit – May 8
 - Muffins with Mom event will occur in between services with Bishop Current speaking. Blake is looking for volunteers to bake coffee cake or muffins.
- Landscaping
 - McNamara and Hirst reviewed the grounds. The north and east side need some work. The landscaping company will do their annual spring work and then review other needs. The company visited with Chuck Young to review the grounds and needs as well.

VIII. New Business

- Foundation Funding Requests
 - The WHLC Foundation will meet in June. Council members are asked to bring any recommendations for the Foundation request.
- Vacation Bible School
 - VBS will be held the week of July 25th and are seeking volunteers. It will be held for four days with full days for the older youth and half days for the kids.
- WELCA Report
 - A report was shared with Council on needs gathered during conversations with the women of the church.

- IX. Announcements
- Council Meeting – Monday, May 23, 6:30 PM in-person. Pam Lundell will lead devotions.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

- X. Reflections & Closing Prayer
- Pastor Chris closed the meeting with a couple statements reflecting on Mark the Evangelist and with a prayer.

- XI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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