

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 23, 2022
Online via Google Meet

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

Guests: Deb Goss

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Dahlman called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
- Lundell shared lines from the song *Imagine* and the prayer of St. Francis.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. WHLC Foundation Report & Annual Meeting

- The Council meeting was suspended at 6:35 PM for the WHLC Foundation Annual meeting. Goss reviewed the objective of the Foundation. Goss provided the 2021 annual report. Yearend 2021 assets were \$702,857.33 compared to the yearend 2020 asset value of \$626,417.98. The value of the account is \$677,801.33 after distributions and expenses to arrive at the yearend value. A market gain of \$28,689.35. For 2022, about \$28,114 will be distributed with funds available to WHLC. Council is to submit a request before June 22nd to the Foundation for use of these funds with a maximum gift of \$5,600. Deb Goss is the current Foundation president. Halley Ryherd is serving as council liaison. John Reed was nominated to the board with the following members: John Ambroson (Ryan Charlton), Norm Carlson, Deb Goss, Jill Hyda, John Reed and Barb Waymire.

Lundell moved to approve the nomination to board of the Foundation. Seconded by Chance. Motion carried.

Council approved adjournment of the Foundation Annual meeting.

The Council meeting resumed at 6:42 PM.

IV. Secretary's Report

Crum moved to approve the April 2022 minutes. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. Waymire shared that we are back to seeing a normal pattern in expenses.

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

VI. For the Good of the Order

- Pastor Chris wished the best to all currently affected by COVID.
- Blake shared Muffins with Moms on May 8th with the Bishop was well attended as well as the celebration for graduating seniors this past weekend.
- Hirst shared about the synod assembly. The time was inspirational and uplifting. A book study is being held this summer on *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* by Griffin et al.

VII. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin also discussed the synod assembly and the positivity shared. She thanked Hirst and Joel Waymire for attending as WHLC's delegates. Next year there will be a general assembly and will also hold a revival. Next year's assembly will be held in Des Moines.
- Pastor Chris reported that the assembly was one of the best he had attended. He also attended the National Workshop on Christian Unity in Anaheim earlier in the month where he served as co-chair. He shared about plans for a proposed sabbatical in the next few months. He will be meeting with the Mutual Ministry committee to discuss further about a sabbatical. One of his personal interests he would like to explore during this time includes dialogue and topics around faith and science.

VIII. Old Business

- Snow Removal
 - A recommendation was received. Dahlman is following up with the vendor.
- Landscaping
 - Some pavers need replaced along with work alongside the north wall of the church. The landscaping company worked on the grounds within the past couple weeks. Some members will do a walkaround to review needs. McNamara will seek an estimate to provide to Council.
- Foundation Funding Requests
 - Dahlman shared various projects such as the phone system upgrades and some of the landscaping items. Another idea was regarding upgrades to the Koinonia room.

McNamara moved to authorize Dahlman to make the request to the Foundation, including the phone upgrade and landscaping projects. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

- Vacation Bible School
 - VBS will held the week of July 25th. The curriculum was ordered and has arrived.

IX. New Business

- Priorities for the Church
 - Pastor Chris shared a document entitled Focus on Renewal, which includes areas like worship, scripture, prayer and service. Blake will be starting the organization for the Women's Advent. Waymire volunteered to evaluate promotional activities about the magazine, *Gather*. Pastor Chris will look at awareness with *The Living Lutheran*. Discussion also occurred regarding the needs for transportation for several members to worship and events, and Council was asked to give thought to ideas to support this initiative.
- Church Security
 - The topic was brought forward regarding any drills such as an active shooting drill needed at WHLC. Blake will review background and details surrounding such drills.

X. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Monday, June 27, 6:30 PM in-person.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XI. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Chris described the need to see faith and science as complementary and not contradictory and have this dialogue with young people. Pastor Chris led the group in a closing prayer.

XII. Adjournment

Ryherd moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
May 23, 2022