

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 22, 2022**  
**Room 127**

**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, Halley Ryherd, Barb Waymire

**Absent:** Pastor Chris Olkiewicz

**Visitor:** Zach Meyer

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

I. Call to Order

- Dahlman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Hirst shared a piece on being an inclusive community and opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Ryherd moved to approve the July 2022 minutes. Seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. July's general offering went back up. A Certificate of Deposit was matured, moved to Luana Savings Bank instead of Banker's Trust. A second CD matured and will be moved to Luana as well.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Dahlman received a red ribbon on his apple pie at the Iowa State Fair.

VI. Pastors' Reports

- Pastor Robin reported there was a fire inspection by Windsor Heights. A report was received to correct any observations within 30 days before a follow-up inspection. The ordination held at WHLC earlier in the month was a joyful event. Pastor Robin attended a conference on worship, theology and the arts at St. Olaf.

## VII. Old Business

- Vacation Bible School
  - Meyer shared a review of VBS. There were 79 registrants, and 69 children participated throughout the week. 27 volunteers also supported during the week. Most the attendees were extended family members, from the community and the Chin Baptist community. Friends of WHLC's own students participated and have also participated in other WHLC events like LiftOff. A full day VBS is an attractive option for families and not done by many churches in the area.
- Snow Removal
  - Chuck Young contacted six vendors, but they are not taking on new clients. A new bid will be sought from our current vendor.
- Landscaping
  - The rest of the trenching will be done for the edging, and the rest of the rock will be laid down.
- Church Security Drill
  - No update to share this month.
- Review Church Priorities
  - Women's Advent
    - Sign-ups for events will be circulated for any congregation member to participate.
  - *Gather* Magazine
    - Waymire placed an article in the E-Weekly and the *Window*.
  - Day of Service
    - This will be a focus in the spring.
- Sabbatical Task Force
  - Ryherd shared Pastor Paul Axness and Pastor Karen Cluts are supporting for all weekends where Pastor Robin is absent. Worship hosts for each weekend have been filled. Borseth and Chance are monitoring the weekly volunteer list.
- ReconcilingWorks
  - Capitol Hill, St. James and Holy Trinity are participating congregations. It was suggested to visit with each church about their experiences so far. Hirst, Lundell and Borseth will participate on the task force and collect information from local churches.

## VIII. New Business

- Stewardship Program
  - The synod resource will be available soon that is a 4-week lectionary guide. Pastor Robin will monitor availability to implement in mid-October into November once released by the synod. Similar contributions have been received for the building fund in 2022 compared to 2021.

- Garbage Disposal
  - The disposal in the kitchen is not working properly. Quotes were collected for parts or replacement. The property maintenance permanent fund will be used to replace the disposal.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – September 26, 6:30 PM in-person.

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

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Robin closed the group with a devotion and anointing of hands.

XI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Hyda  
WHLC Council Secretary  
August 22, 2022