

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023
Room 127 & Google Meet

Present: Sharman Blake, Julie Borseth, Norm Carlson, Tony Dahlman, Tracey Hirst, Jill Hyda, Matt McNamara, Michael McNamara, Bill Morris, Kevin Nicolet, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Maren Steensen, John Swanson, Barb Waymire

Absent: None

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Nicolet called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- Blake shared a passage from *Quiet Moments with God Devotional*, Psalm 46:10 and led Council with a Lenten Prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Swanson moved to approve the January 2023 minutes. Seconded by Borseth. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. The mortgage will be below \$700,000 in the next month. A Certificate of Deposit matured and was renewed with a higher interest rate.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Morris celebrated his 60th birthday earlier this month.

VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris reported highlights from celebrating Science and Religion weekend. Karen Cluts has started visiting homebound members. Wednesday Lenten services will be held with Holden Evening Prayer. The Rev. Tim Krick from Lutheran World Relief was in town and visited the Quilting Group to thank them for all their work.

VII. Old Business

- Synod Assembly Delegates
 - Nicolet will be recruiting two members to attend the virtual assembly.
- Reconciling in Christ
 - Hirst discussed the foundation to build a core team. Online training is available for \$75 in May.
- Active Shooter Training
 - Blake shared an overview of proposed modules. Invitations to other groups who use the facility will be extended.
- Phones & AV Update
 - Nicolet shared the phone system has been updated. The AV is currently set to arrive in July.
- Family Promise
 - Morris reported that Family Promise is having families stay at churches again. Contact is being made with Faith Lutheran, and more information is being gathered.
- AED Training
 - The training will involve CPR and First Aid as well. Scheduling is still in process.
- Spring Clean-up
 - The spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 2 PM. Jim Spizale shared a list of items. Nicolet will share an announcement at worship.
- Renewal of Faith Community Focus
 - Pastor Chris is looking at a focus on worship perhaps in the Easter season.
- Council Photos
 - Nicolet reported photos will be taken in the next few weeks for Council and staff.
- Snow & Trash Removal
 - McNamara is working through the agreement and details on snow and trash removal.

VIII. New Business

- Committee Assignments
 - Nicolet shared council liaison assignments.
- Summer Activities
 - Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 17-20.
 - Pastor Chris would like to host a watch party for Searching: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science series hosted by Alan Lightman on PBS.
- Lawn Care Service
 - McNamara reported it is worthwhile to seek new bids for 2023.

- Worship Committee Easter Garden
 - Donations for flowers with the Easter Garden will be sent to ELCA World Hunger.

McNamara moved to approve the Easter Garden supporting ELCA World Hunger. Seconded by Swanson. Motion carried.

- Brainstorming
 - Nicolet asked for ideas to connect with the congregation. Council members to contact Nicolet if interested in making phone calls to members to check-in.
- Usher Volunteers
 - There are concerns with the offering plate in the back of the church when no ushers are present. Steensen asked if there are better ways to schedule ushers for worship services. Steensen will have a communication in the E-Weekly about volunteering and putting together a schedule similar to how the offering counter schedule is handled.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – March 27, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Chris shared verses from Psalm 32 and closed the meeting in prayer.

XI. Adjournment

Nicolet adjourned the Council meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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