

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2023
Parish Hall & Google Meet

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

Absent: Michael McNamara

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Nicolet called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

- Steensen shared a passage by Father James Martin from *How to See & Not See God* and opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Dahlman moved to approve the March 2023 minutes. Seconded by Hirst. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. Strong general offerings were received through March. The additional \$3,000 mortgage payment was completed at the beginning of April.

Borseth moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Dahlman. Motion carried.

Hirst moved to make a \$3,000 payment to the mortgage. Seconded by McNamara. Motion carried.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Blake thanked volunteers for the funerals during and after Holy Week.

VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris shared information about the Synod Revival on May 20th at Grandview University. There will be worship, music and booths on different missions. Pastor

Chris will be traveling the week of May 7 to lead the National Workshop on Christian Unity in Milwaukee. Pastor Paul Axness will preside over worship on May 7th.

VII. Old Business

- Synod Assembly Delegates
 - John Reed and Kathy McCracken will be the two WHLC delegates. They have been registered for the event.
- Reconciling in Christ
 - Hirst is coordinating registration for the May event.
- Active Shooter Training
 - Blake shared that training has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 from 6-8 PM with plans to hold in Parish Hall.
- Lawn Care
 - McNamara reviewed the contract with Landscapes by Brett and a fees overview. McNamara will follow up with the contractor on contract changes and work with Swanson to review prior to execution. Pastor Chris noted that the snow service has been very good this past winter.
- Usher Schedule
 - A temple talk may be conducted at an upcoming worship service.
- Foundation Report
 - John Ambrosion will provide the annual report in May. Ideas for the funds WHLC receives were shared.
- Other
 - Blake shared the next Kitchen Clean-up is Tuesday, May 23 at 9 AM.

VIII. New Business

- Facilities Manager Position
 - This position would be available at the facility during large events to assist and also secure the facility after the event is done. Additional discussions on the new position are being held.
- Brainstorming
 - Pastor Chris shared an article by Bruce Booher, *Awe and Wonder Part 2: Factors in the contemporary eclipse of awe in daily life* and how this intersects into our focus on renewal.
- Other
 - Two warming pans are needed for the kitchen and will be purchased with current funds.

- IX. Announcements
- Council Meeting – May 22, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

- X. Reflections & Closing Prayer
- Pastor Chris closed the meeting with a couple verses from Psalm 134 and a prayer.

- XI. Adjournment

Nicolet adjourned the Council meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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