

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 26, 2023
Parish Hall & Google Meet

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

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Nicolet called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

- Dahlman shared a story from Exodus 4:10 and pushing ourselves to use our gifts and for the good of the congregation.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Hirst moved to approve the May 2023 minutes. Seconded by Borseth. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. When considering seasonal patterns, general offerings are at 112% of total anticipated offerings to date.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Pastor Chris shared an update on his mother. Prayers are with Pastor Chris, his mom and family.

VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris shared information regarding Ministry Teams. A ministry team is two or more people who collaborate together to accomplish a ministry goal or activity. The teams can be for a one-time project or a longer-term ministry like worship. The individual can serve as long as they wish. Pastor Chris broke out some ideas based on the focus areas of Worship, Prayer, Scripture and Service. Personal invitations are helpful. Swanson and Nicolet will review the bylaws for any changes needed if the ministry team concept moves forward.

VII. Old Business

- Reconciling in Christ
 - Council is asked to complete a readiness survey by July 15. A report of results will be shared at a future meeting.
- Active Shooter Training
 - Blake reported that two officers provided the training with 30 individuals in attendance. Awareness is key for exits and entrances. Ideas were shared for equipment that a facility can have on-hand. Inventory of the first aid kits is needed. Council thanked Blake for arranging the training.
- Lawn Care
 - Swanson reported that a contract is signed through March 31, 2024. McNamara is continuing to work on the garbage and snow removal with the Town Center.
- Facilities Manager Position
 - Nicolet shared staff had reviewed past events, and there are six or so larger events at the church. A checklist will be developed for use by groups. A ministry team could be formed as well.
- Saturday Evening Services Update
 - Pastor Chris shared the services this summer have been going well. He enjoys having outdoor worship with the nice weather.
- Garbage Disposal
 - Quotes are being collected.
- Phone Lists
 - Council members have started reaching out to members. Positive feedback on the online streaming was received.
- AED Training
 - Heidi is trying to contact groups to help provide new training.
- Photos
 - All the photos have been taken and will be replaced in the narthex.
- Other
 - The carpets and kitchen tile have been cleaned. The elevator will be worked on this week.
 - The request for WHLC has been approved by the Foundation for \$4,222 to purchase an owl meeting device and landscaping needs.
 - New clocks were purchased for the kitchen, Parish Hall and room 127.

VIII. New Business

- Church Sign
 - The slate on the older WHLC sign fell and broke. A local masonry does not have time to repair with other jobs. The opposite side with the verse may fall soon or could crack. The wooden cross with the sign has rotted as well. The slate with Windsor Heights Lutheran Church was installed many decades ago, perhaps

back in the 1950s. The verse side was installed in the 1970s. Options will be reviewed.

- Thrivent
 - \$1,832 are available if needed and have already been received from Thrivent.
- VBS
 - Decorating has begun. Volunteers are welcome to sign up to help the week of July 17.
- Brain Storming
 - It was recommended to plan for a fall cleanup. September is a month for appreciation and caring for creation where an activity could be held.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – July 24, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

- Pastor Chris closed with Psalm 34 and a prayer.

XI. Adjournment

Nicolet adjourned the Council meeting at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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