

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023
Room 127 & Google Meet

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

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Nicolet called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
- Carlson shared a passage from John 13:31-38 and opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Morris moved to approve the June 2023 minutes. Seconded by Steensen. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. June was a low general offering month. A higher influx of general offerings was received earlier in the year and above expected for the year.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Council provided their sympathies to Pastor Chris and family on the passing of his mother.
- Pastor Chris also asked for prayers for their family as Beth's dad faces health challenges.

VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris shared his mother's funeral will be on August 5 in Sioux Falls. Paul and Karen will help back-up for weekend services as needed. The Season of Creation will be recognized in September and early October. A bible study/forum will be held around Pope Francis's encyclical on the care of the earth. A Blessing of the Animals will occur on October 4. Windsor Elementary has a new principal and is excited to

partner with the congregation and build our relationship. The elementary has many immigrant and refugee students where there are needs.

VII. Old Business

- Reconciling in Christ
 - The survey results from Council were compiled and shared. Based on results, the recommended readiness pace for the welcoming journey is at the upper end for a cautious and deliberative pace. The team will review and look at the next steps.
- Facilities Manager Position
 - A couple of options are being explored. A checklist will be developed.
- Garbage Disposal
 - Chuck Young obtained several quotes for a 0.5 horsepower disposal compared to a commercial disposal. Funds are available in the permanent property maintenance line.

Hirst moved to approve the \$2,000 quote with a 0.5 horsepower disposal and electrical work. Seconded by Steensen. Motion carried.

- CPR/AED Training
 - The Red Cross has provided a proposal. A \$268 site fee is assessed as well as a \$73 fee per person with a minimum of 8 people participating in the training. Communication can be provided in the *Window* and other forums for the congregation on where WHLC's AED device is located and emergency services along with where classes are available. Pastor Chris will also discuss with the music directors.
- Church Sign
 - Options were reviewed for the sign on the east side of the church, including fixing, use a wooden frame, move the verse side to the main entrance, create a bronze sign to replace. The verse can also be programmed as part of the rotation on the electronic sign. Nicolet will look at an estimate for a bronze sign with the verse that could be posted on the brick column by the main entrance.

VIII. New Business

- Main Lobby Ceiling Tile
 - There was a leak in the main lobby, and the ceiling tile fell. The leak has been fixed. To put in a new ceiling tile, a lift or scaffolding is needed. It was also mentioned that one acoustic panel still needs to be hung in Parish Hall. Carlson will call Jerry Jenkins to ask about his ability to help fix as well as some other fall clean up items.
- Shelter Meals
 - The Leahys are stepping down as coordinators for the Central Iowa Shelter & Services meals. No volunteers have stepped forward to serve as coordinators. WHLC has hosted over 20 years. There is a small budget line as well as a permanent fund from member contributions. Nicolet will discuss with Borseth

and Leahys about visiting with CISS director and support for the shelter with financial resources.

- Brain Storming
 - Borseth was notified of a community fair at Windsor Elementary, and WHLC was invited to participate. The principal and school community coordinator would like to meet with Borseth, Pastor Chris and other interested members to discuss opportunities. WHLC is coordinating a school supply drive in August. Borseth will help coordinate the various aspects. Blake volunteered to help at the fair, and it was recommended to see if Zach would also like to participate.
 - The carpet outside the kitchen was stained, and Merritt Cleaning was unable to get the stain removed after three attempts. Extra carpet tiles are stored at the church and could replace the stained tiles. Options will be explored with Jerry Jenkins or other groups.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – August 28, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

Pastor Chris closed with Philippians 4 and a blessing.

XI. Adjournment

Nicolet adjourned the Council meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Hyda
WHLC Council Secretary
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