

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Room 127 & Google Meet

Present: Linda Anderson, Sharman Blake, Quent Boyken, Norm Carlson, Jill Hyda, Pam Lundell, Matt McNamara, Michael McNamara, Kevin Nicolet, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Maren Steensen, John Swanson, Sally Watson, Barb Waymire, Donna Yeager

Absent: Bill Morris

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- Michael McNamara shared a devotion on renewal and led Council in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Nicolet moved to approve the agenda with addition to new business. Seconded by Yeager. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

Blake moved to approve the February 2024 minutes. Seconded by Michael McNamara. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. The Crabtree gift was applied to the principal of the mortgage for a remaining balance of \$530,000.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- Council celebrated Pastor Chris' birthday.
- Blake shared appreciation for the speakers in the kitchen, so people may listen to worship and funeral services.
- Pastor Chris shared the reading day at Windsor Elementary was successful and appreciated the donations and volunteers from the congregation. Books in English and Spanish were purchased. The gifts were well received by the coordinator at Windsor Elementary.
- Boyken shared Pastor Rehfeldt's surgery went well.
- Nicolet thanked Amanda for her music with the Song of Mark by Marty Haugen on Palm Sunday.

- VI. Pastor Report
- Pastor Chris shared many people have volunteered for Holy Week and Easter services. Pastor Chris was asked by Bishop Current to represent the Southeastern Iowa Synod at Iowa Religious Freedom Day on April 10 at the Iowa State Capitol and events at Drake University.
- VII. Old Business
- Synod Meeting Representatives
 - Mitch & Donna Yeager have volunteered as WHLC's representatives at the synod meeting in Coralville in May.
 - Sound System Update
 - The mixer is installed but needs connected to the network in order to control the sound board from the iPad. The microphones at the pulpit and lectern are working now.
 - Water Damage Update
 - Pastor Chris is connecting with our Church Mutual claim representative to move forward with repair.
 - Ministry Team Concept
 - Boyken is reviewing the bylaw language to adjust from committees to ministry teams.
- VIII. New Business
- Sunday Morning Schedule
 - Ideas were shared for a new fall schedule. A two-block schedule was favored with one worship service and fellowship & education following service.
 - Lutheran Services Iowa Refugee Resettlement
 - A gift request was received to assist with items needed for resettlement of refugee families. The WHLC Foundation has typically donated to LSI. The request was passed to the Foundation for consideration with their 2024 disbursements. Council may align an initiative for donations from the congregation in addition with the Foundation donation.
- IX. Announcements
- Council Meeting – April 23rd, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

- X. Reflections & Closing Prayer
Pastor Chris closed the group in prayer.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Hyda
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