

WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Room 127 & Google Meet

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

Absent: None

Visitors: John Reed

We Gather in God's Name

I. Call to Order

- Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

- Blake shared a devotion from *Your Daily Prayer* related to Earth Day and led the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Swanson added one item under Old Business. Lundell moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

III. WHLC Foundation Report & Business

- The Council meeting was suspended at 6:34 PM for the WHLC Foundation Annual meeting. Reed shared the Foundation was started 40 years ago in 1984 and provided the 2023 annual report. The Foundation ended 2023 with \$639,120.12 in assets and will distribute 4% of these assets for 2024. The 2024 total disbursement will be approximately \$25,564, which is an increase from 2023. Swanson will submit a request to Reed for the WHLC portion of the disbursement. John Reed is current Foundation president. Kevin Nicolet is serving as council liaison. The board members are John Ambroson, Norm Carlson, Tony Dahlman, Jill Hyda, Lori Nicolet and John Reed.

Council approved adjournment of the Foundation Annual Meeting.

The Council meeting resumed at 6:48 PM.

IV. Secretary's Report

Yeager moved to approve the March 2024 minutes. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

- V. Treasurer's Report
- Waymire provided the report to Council. Lenten offerings were over \$6,200 to the DMARC Food Pantry. Year-to-date general offerings are down, but Easter weekend was not deposited until April due to Easter Sunday being on March 31.

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

- VI. For the Good of the Order
- None to report

- VII. Pastor Report
- Pastor Chris reported he participated in Iowa Religious Freedom Day at the capitol building and at Drake. Rick Wagaman helped deliver the 392 jars of peanut butter to DMARC. The in-gathering of quilts and kits were loaded for delivery to the warehouse in St. Paul. Summer worship schedule will start the weekend of Memorial Day with Saturday evening at 5 PM and Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. The property insurance deductible has increased to \$25,000 for wind and hail.

- VIII. Old Business
- Sound System Update
 - The mixer is repaired. Amanda Lauritsen worked with the CEC consultant regarding utilization of advanced mode. Sound system adjustments may be needed during large services such as Christmas and Easter. The speakers will be tested again for volume in the kitchen.
 - Replacement Status of Water Heaters
 - Proctor will install when able to schedule.
 - Water Damage Update
 - Majority of damage has been repaired.
 - Cacciatore Reception Reminder
 - Blake shared the reception is scheduled for May 19 and ready-to-go.
 - College Care Packages
 - Steensen shared the collection for packages was successful. A ministry team met and decided on the package contents. Packages were put together and mailed this week. An update was shared in the E-Weekly.

- IX. New Business
- Reconciled in Christ Update
 - The task force is meeting in the future and looking at next steps. Watson has contacted St. John's to visit about their path. Local speaker resources may also be available to help.

- Service Master Billing
 - An invoice over \$45,000 was received from ServiceMaster to cleanup. The invoice has been forwarded to the insurance claims representative.
- Room 127 Technology
 - There is a need for a television screen for the room to assist with projection and connection to the Owl for various meetings held in-person and virtually.
- Saturday Evening Worship Equipment
 - Equipment for Saturday evening worship outside would be helpful to make set-up and the experience easier.

Yeager moved to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase the necessary equipment for outside worship utilizing undesignated memorial funds. Seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

- Reorganization of Choir & Youth Rooms
 - Heartland is still interested in using the middle room, and Council has previously approved.
 - The music library needs to be reorganized, and the furniture moved back to the Youth Room. Blake volunteered to help organize a group to assist with moving back into the rooms.
- Choir Director Search Committee
 - Pastor Chris has visited with Jim Cacciatore. A list of organizations to post the job description has been collected. A committee of Pastor Chris, Council President, Worship Committee Chair and two choir members will participate as the interview panel. A job description will be put together by Pastor Chris. Council will review and need to approve.
- Fall Worship Schedule
 - Pastor Chris shared information from the 2019 worship survey. A single service is proposed for Sunday morning with a fellowship & education piece following service.

X. Announcements

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

We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission

XI. Reflections & Closing Prayer

Pastor Chris closed the group with a letter from E.B. White about hope in times of struggle.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Hyda
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