

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**  
**Room 127 & Google Meet**

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

**Absent:** Quent Boyken, Norm Carlson, Maren Steensen

**Visitors:** None

***We Gather in God's Name***

I. Call to Order

- Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
  
- Yeager shared a piece called Listening to God's Call in the Congregation and reading from Acts. Yeager opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Lundell moved to approve the May 2024 minutes. Seconded by Yeager. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. Month-to-month has been stable, and current year financials are in good standing. Waymire shared that WHLC received \$100,000 from the Mel Nielsen estate and has been applied to the mortgage. The remaining balance will be under \$400,000 by the end of July. This will also be shared with the congregation.

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

V. For the Good of the Order

- None

VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris discussed communicating information on moving to one worship service in the fall to the congregation.

Yeager moved to a weekend schedule starting the Sunday after Labor Day with 9:30 AM worship and education & fellowship following worship. Seconded by Nicolet. Motion carried.

VBS will be held the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>, and the ELCA National Youth Gathering will be the following week in New Orleans.

#### VII. Old Business

- Garbage Disposal Replacement
  - The installation has been completed.
- Hot Water Heaters
  - The parts have arrived. Waiting to get on the provider's schedule.
- Parish Hall Repairs
  - The acoustic panels were reinstalled, and the door work has been completed. The panels are wearing and may need to be replaced in the future. The insurance check for the awning damage was received.
- Member Assistance
  - Pathways for assistance are available if needed.
- Choir Director Update
  - One applicant has been received to date.
- Other
  - The Youth Gathering Permanent Fund will be reviewed after the 2024 gathering in New Orleans.

#### VIII. New Business

- December Council Meeting Date
  - Council to review their calendars to reschedule from the normal date that falls on Christmas Eve.
- Bylaw Revisions
  - Boyken provided the proposed changes to the bylaws to Council. Further review will occur with Boyken and Council. Changes will be presented to the congregation at the next annual meeting.
- Other
  - Wells Memorial
    - The family of Vivien Wells would like to present a new tree and bench to WHLC from Vivien's estate. The bench would be west of the front doors and under the awning. Council is thankful for these gifts. Possible options were discussed. Anderson will communicate further with the family for more discussion with Council.

- Insurance
  - Quotes will not be provided until 120 days from the policy date.
- Reconciling in Christ
  - The ministry team met, and Lundell will have a piece for the *Window* in September. Discussion with the congregation will be a significant emphasis in the fall.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – July 23, 6:30 PM in-person and online option.

***We Close in Prayer & Send in Mission***

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

Pastor Chris closed the group reflecting on the power of water and both its dependence and destruction. A prayer from the thanksgiving of the font was shared.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Hyda  
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