

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**  
**Room 127 & Google Meet**

**Present:** Linda Anderson, Marc Anderson, Quent Boyken, Stephanie Cox, Megan Gerasch, Threase Harms, Jill Hyda, Pam Lundell, Bill Morris, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Maren Steensen, John Swanson, Sally Watson, Barb Waymire, Donna Yeager

**Absent:** Finn Cox

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

I. Call to Order

- Harms called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Linda Anderson shared a story and song, *I'm So Blessed* by Cain, about getting through the hard days, and she opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Secretary's Report

Watson moved to approve the corrected July 2025 minutes. Seconded by Swanson. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council. General offering was down in July. Expenses were higher due to some maintenance fee changes, and the fraudulent credit charge will be reversed next month. The retention tax credits were placed in the capital appeal fund. August is looking good so far.

Yeager moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Watson. Motion carried.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Marc Anderson shared an observation from Saturday evening services regarding use of the sidewalk on the east side of the property.

Marc Anderson moved to leave the north end of the sidewalk in place from the little library north and continue with replacement of the south side of the sidewalk. Seconded by Linda Anderson. Motion carried.

- Swanson thanked Waymire for communication on support for Central Iowa Shelter & Services.
- Linda Anderson ordered two magnetic bars for the knives and will need some assistance to install. Boyken suggested Jerry Jenkins.

## VI. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris reported the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 24. WHLC will host a service for the SE Iowa Synod in cooperation with the Des Moines Diocese and Episcopal Diocese of Iowa. Laying on of hands and anointing with oil will occur twice this fall as a prayer for healing. Global Refuge is offering an opportunity for congregations to assemble neighbor kits. This may be an opportunity for a hands-on service project. The Season of Creation will be observed in September and will be the topic in fellowship and learning. MOSAIC is hosting a fundraiser on October 23. WHLC has a table for nine people and has participated in the past. A volunteer is needed to coordinate members for the table.

## VII. Old Business

- Reconciling in Christ
  - Lundell reported the pizza and movie night was well attended this summer. The subgroup on the statement met, and a draft has been shared with the group. The draft will be shared with the full ministry team for feedback. The statement will be shared with the congregation and discussed at fellowship time with a follow-up survey.
- Maintenance/Property Issues
  - Parking lot repainting
    - The parking lot lines have been repainted, and the invoice will be paid from the Building & Grounds budget line.
  - Interior Painting & Repairs
    - Yeager shared the top 3 priorities.
      - Repaint the entire Easter Seals room and door
      - Repaint the entire Pre-K room 310
      - Install a transition strip by the sanctuary doors to prevent carpet fraying and a transition strip from the sanctuary to the sacristy.
    - The property long-term maintenance permanent fund may be used.
    - Heidi will contact Jerry Jenkins for estimates.
- Meals from the Heartland Ministry Team
  - Gerasch shared Meals from the Heartland typically desires a \$75 donation per person for larger groups of 20 or more to offset the costs of ingredients. Gerasch will coordinate possible dates with Zach.
- Heartland Youth Choir
  - Boyken and Pastor Chris met with the group and were receptive to pay for facility use. The timing of the discussion aligned with planning for their 2026 budget. The group presented WHLC with \$500 after the use of the facility for their summer camp. Boyken and Pastor Chris also thanked them for Kelli Stoermer volunteering to lead music at VBS.
- Season of Creation Ministry Team
  - Steensen shared communication on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual nature walk in the Weekly Window. Contact Steensen if willing to help with clean up.

- Windsor Heights Fall Festival Ministry Team
  - A lead volunteer and team are needed for set-up of the tent and having volunteers during the day. Zach is available to provide activities and handouts. Harms will assist with the tent, and Gerasch will help with volunteers and coordination.

VIII. New Business

- *Being Christian* Follow-Up
  - Pastor Chris asked Council to think about conversation around Worship, Prayer, Scripture and Service and alignment with the themes of Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer from the book. How can Worship, Prayer, Scripture and Service be incorporated into a new vision statement?
- Other
  - Pastor Chris fixed the key card entry near the southeast doors.

IX. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 6:30 PM

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

X. Reflections & Closing Prayer

Pastor Chris closed the group with words from Isaiah 32.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Hyda  
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