

**WINDSOR HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**  
**Room 127 & Google Meet**

**Present:** Tammie Amsbaugh, Marc Anderson, Quent Boyken, Stephanie Cox, Megan Gerasch, Dianne Greenfield, Threase Harms, Jill Hyda, Steve McCracken, Pastor Chris Olkiewicz, Sally Watson, Barb Waymire, Mike Wegner, Donna Yeager

**Absent:** Finn Cox, Pam Lundell

**Visitor:** John Reed

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

I. Call to Order

- Harms called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- Gerasch shared Isaiah 43:2 and a devotional on God's presence during difficult and busy times. Gerasch opened the group in prayer.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. WHLC Foundation Annual Report

- Reed shared the history of the foundation. The board consists of Norm Carlson, Tony Dahlman, Lori Nicolet, Ken Popken, John Swanson and John Reed. Quent Boyken serves as the council liaison. Growth with investments has continued. Giving will be raised to 4.5% for 2026 disbursements, which equals \$36,796.65. No more than 20% is disbursed to WHLC and equates to \$7,359.33. No less than 20% are disbursed to community & synod programs and ELCA churchwide programs. The Foundation will meet again in May regarding disbursements for 2026. Council will need to request what the portion of the funds will go towards for WHLC.

IV. Secretary's Report

Boyken moved to approve the February 2026 minutes. Seconded by Watson. Motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Waymire provided the report to Council prior to the meeting. The mortgage has been paid off. Positives with giving and expense management continue for the first part of the year. Communication with the congregation will occur regarding directing donations that previously made to the Capital Appeal Fund towards non-routine building expenses & maintenance. A celebration on the mortgage retirement will occur this spring.

Wegner moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Gerasch. Motion carried.

VI. For the Good of the Order

- None to report

VII. Pastor Report

- Pastor Chris shared some local ELCA clergy are looking to have a service for prayer for peace around the cross on Sunday evenings. WHLC has volunteered to host on Sunday, May 17. Pastor Chris shared a summary regarding Christian nationalism/extremism and its influence on current events.

VIII. Old Business

- ReconcilingWorks
  - The application was approved, and WHLC was welcomed on their Facebook page as a new member. Pastor Chris received a welcome packet that will be shared with the Ministry Team.
- Synod Assembly
  - Early bird registration is due by end of March. If interested in attending, let Pastor Chris know.
- Lutheran Day on the Hill
  - Several members participated. State senator Hartman would like to visit WHLC. She is also the CEO of Lutheran Services of Iowa. Participation for the day was similar to last year.

IX. New Business

- ELCA Social Statement
  - Council discussed Section I: Foundation Teaching: God Acts for the Well-Being for all through Civic Life. Section II will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- 2026 WHLC Foundation Distribution
  - Council is to think about how the funds received from the Foundation should be used and bring ideas to the April meeting.
- LSI Funding Request
  - A request was received and passed to the WHLC Foundation for discussion and then review if an additional gift is needed from the church.

X. Announcements

- Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 6:30 PM

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

XI. Reflections & Closing Prayer

Pastor Chris closed the group with a prayer from the Annunciation of Our Lord.

XII. Adjournment

McCracken moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amsbaugh. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Hyda  
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