



Minutes Approved
September 21, 2021
Faith A. Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
August 17, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Carolyn Andrews, President; Pastor Bill Wessner; Bob Behr, Treasurer; Faith Harper, Secretary; Paul Maki, Finance Board; Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA; Shirley Prouty, Worship and Music/Taskforce Chair; Linda Duffek Co-Chair, Community Concerns; Cathy Davis, Co-Chair Community Concerns, Laura Tice, Education; Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair.

Absent: Christina Hisamoto, Vice President; Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. with a Bible homily from II Samuel and prayer by Pastor Bill Wessner. The main thought was "Do all things with your presence."

Approval of the Minutes:

President Carolyn Andrews asked for approval of the Minutes from July 20, 2021. Clarence Korhonen moved to approve, and Linda Duffek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Board:

Report is on file. Bob Behr gave a summary that maintenance was running a bit high. The church income is down about \$7,300 without the supplement. The monthly income should about \$16,000 and our income for July is ok.

Property:

Report is on file. Clarence Korhonen gave a report on security with a detailed written analysis on fencing/barriers that he had sent to Council called "Options to Improve Security". Pastor Bill had spoken to a regular homeless person (Mark) who cleaned up a lot around the area occupied overnight. After pressure washing, even the landscaper had pointed out needles in the shrubbery.

Pastor Bill posed the question: How do Christians take care of the homeless?

- Define limits
- Contact the County Sheriff

Clarence will check to see about getting the appropriate fencing put up.

Worship and Music:

No report on file. Shirley Prouty said that the Board had met on Saturday but had no minutes yet.

- Jane Fanucci, the Choir Director, had concerns about masks while the choir sings. She was told that some of the choir members would not return if they had to wear masks.
- There has been a "Prayer Requests" container that is being set up with one-time use pencils.

Community Concerns:

No report on file.

Backpacks will be distributed on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Education:

No meeting. No report on file.

Youth:

No meeting. No report on file.

Pastor Bill talked some parents regarding participation of their youth at the National Assembly next year.

Evangelism:

No meeting. No report on file.

W-ELCA:

No report on file. Marlene Kiser said that plans for the September 18th meeting are being made with regard to the Delta variant and they will play it by ear.

Presentation of Board Action Items for discussion/Council Approval:

Vice President Christina Hisamoto has not reported back yet on pay stubs.

Bob Behr presented a request for the Policies and Procedures documents to be approved. The documents were sent out in June. There was a question about the policy on Memoriams. Pastor Bill said there could be a suggested list if problems have occurred with gift-giving.

Secretary Faith Harper moved to accept the Policies and Procedures as written and presented. Shirley Prouty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New/Old Business:

- 2022 Board Budgets – Paul Maki has set a target date for all Boards to submit their budgets for the upcoming year at the September Budget meeting. These budgets need to be presented at the next Church Council meeting for approval.
 - Pastor Bill asked about a budget for the youth and if they had their own fundraisers. There was a general discussion of past practices and the National Assembly next year.
 - Stewardship programs are being examined for Council to consider.
- Church Secretary Rochelle Jaeger's resignation may be coming soon.
 - She has been working 30 hours with another company.
 - If she is offered a full-time job she will tender her resignation.
 - President Carolyn will work on the job description with Rochelle and Pastor Bill listed skill samples that must be required: Word, Publisher, Word Press, Microsoft Calendar, etc.
- The Facility Usage Application/agreement has not been presented. Linda Duffek said that forms developed by the Girl Scouts are a possibility and will be explored.
- Transition Team update: Pastor Bill said that he would report later because not much progress has been made.

At this point, after some discussion, President Carolyn went round the Zoom for comments before closing.

- Clarence Korhonen revisited an earlier question by Faith Harper. He confirmed that the storm water charge was a set charge based on square footage, etc. by the city. However, he said that he may investigate and ask more questions to see if it can be change.
- Pastor Bill expressed a great deal of thanks for the encouragement and prayers for his wife and her medical procedure.
- Bob Behr expressed a need for more income, especially in the coming year.
- Paul Maki asked the question: What information does the Budget Committee need? Answer? The Board Budgets!
- Marlene Kiser announced the new Bible study in on the book of Luke based on the book by N. T. Wright beginning September 7th.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:20 P.M. with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Respectfully Submitted,
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