



Minutes Approved May 18, 2021

Faith A. Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
April 20, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

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

Absent: Linda Duffek, Co-Chair, Community Concerns; Amber Mansfield
SLY (St. Luke's Youth) [Resignation].

*“Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the
Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the Victory of Jesus Christ
throughout the world.”*

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by President Carolyn
Andrews. Pastor Bill gave the prayer regarding the path of St. Luke's to be
guided like in these times Nathan guided King David when he sinned.

Approval of the Minutes for March 16, 2021:

Marlene Kiser proposed to amend the discussion to add to the 40 minutes
time limit that it applies to free accounts under the topic “Zoom Account.”

Clarence Korhonen moved, and it was seconded by Carole Vance. Motion
carried unanimously.

Marlene Kiser also reviewed the minutes distribution process and asked that they be sent out earlier than the last time so corrections, if needed, could be forwarded to the Secretary before final copies sent.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Maki deferred to Bob Behr for the reports on finances. Bob addressed the expected increased costs of Worker's Compensation with a new hire. (See Property Board.) Regular expenses are down but will continue to eat into the decrease in revenue.

Property Board Report:

Clarence Korhonen brought an action item to the table regarding janitorial services with Vanguard, going from \$510 a month to \$1,000. He outlined the options St. Luke's has:

1. Employ Maria, who performs the work now for Vanguard on her own, or
2. Re-advertise for a new cleaning company.

He reviewed the statement he received from Maria for starting May 3rd at \$16 an hour. She would work 2 hours on Mondays and 4 hours on Fridays. There was a discussion regarding contractual limitations with Vanguard. The Property Board recommend Option #1.

Carole Vance moved that St. Luke's hire Maria according to the recommendation of the Property Board. Laura Tice seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Concerns:

Cathy Davis, Linda Duffek, Faith Thomas, and Gail Weber took clothes to Loaves and Fishes and are continuing work with *Julie's Purse Project*. They discussed and agreed upon partnering with the W-ELCA group for all future projects. The next projects include Chicks in Crisis, Kiwanis House, and school supplies. There is an unlikely need to work with Charles Mack and Parkway schools with the school backpack project this fall.

Education:

One of the Sunday School teachers has resigned, and it is necessary to get another one since two teachers are needed. Suggestions were asked for someone interested in teaching or assisting in Sunday school.

Worship and Music:

Shirley Prouty explained that Amber Mansfield had had difficulty recruiting acolytes. The board needs help with ushers, prayer leaders, scripture readers as well as greeters (Carole Vance's role). Volunteer slips have been handed out on Sundays and are in the office. There is no summer break planned for choir. The choir needs more singers, too, and should be on the volunteer list.

Evangelism:

Carol Carney and Merle Zbrog are sending out cards to shut-ins and the position of chair needs to be filled as Carol Vance is temporary.

Youth:

A need for a new chairperson for Youth Board is needed to fill the position that Amber Mansfield had held. Carolyn Andrews and Laura Tice worked with the 100 Easter bags and gave the leftovers to the Band when they practiced.

W-ELCA:

- Marlene Kiser reported that they will meet on May 10th.
In-Person meeting in the church park for next W-ELCA meeting.
Masks and social distancing will be required (masks not required during eating lunch.)
- Discussion of ice machine took place, W-ELCA still would like to have an ice machine.
- Bunco being plan for June, suggestion was made that if we wait until July or August, we may be able to use the Schultz Hall.
- Fall Festival is still under discussion.

Old/New Business:

- There was a brief discussion of the lack of youth attending church and participating in activities during COVID. The need for a new Youth chair was noted earlier and emphasized.
- Transition vs. Call Committees
 - Pastor Bill sent out an information packet comparing the two types of committees.
 - No decision will be made until everyone has had a chance to read and study the information at the next Council meeting.

- Pastor Bill explained Pastor Wong at the Synod sends a weekly newsletter from the Synod and Pastor Bill will send the link to start communications with them.
- Pastor Bill explained at length the procedures, history, and philosophy of the church and deepening our relationship with God and the capacity of mission.
 - Organizational Christianity has an entrepreneurial atmosphere today, but St. Luke's characteristics are:
 - Time to strengthen stewardship to afford a pastor
 - Blessed to not have debt
 - Vision for what our future will look like
 - Capacity for ministry
- Pastor Bill advised us:
 - to look at the end of the document he has sent for key words.
 - write down the word "Differences concluding that we don't know ourselves well enough to go directly to a Call Committee
 - how do we see ourselves in the life cycle of the church
 - read the document
 - send questions
 - fill in the blanks

Synod Assembly:

Participants are set up to attend: Pastor Bill, Christina Hisamoto, and Bob Behr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
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