



Minutes Approved 03/16/21  
Faith Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting  
February 16, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Carolyn Andrews, President; Christina Hisamoto, Vice President; Pastor Ron Zoesch; Paul Maki, Finance Board; Bob Behr, Treasurer; Faith Harper, Secretary; Laura Tice, Education; Amber Mansfield, SLY (St. Luke's Youth); Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA; Shirley Prouty, Music and Worship/Taskforce Chair; Linda Duffek, Co-Chairs Community Concerns, Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair.  
Absent: Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

The meeting opened with President Carolyn Andrews calling the meeting to order at 7 P.M. She asked Pastor Ron Zoesch to begin the meeting with a prayer and if anyone had prayer requests. The theme of the prayer was to ask the Lord to be with us as the Council moves forward with the Interim Minister process.

Approval of Minutes: Marlene Kiser moved, and Linda Duffek seconded approval of the Church Council minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with suggested corrections: 1) meeting date of January 19<sup>th</sup> 2) "Community Concerns Committee" instead of Community Outreach in Attendance title. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Board- Report on File

Treasurer's Report/Special Funds/Financial Secretary

Bob Behr presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report. The Church is down a bit on income, but expenses, staff, and fixed costs are down as well. The congregation should know that the church is functioning as well as can be expected during this time.

Property Report – Report on File

Clarence Korhonen corrected the ***All-Members Workday*** to Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Marlene Kiser asked for further information about the request status for an upright freezer.

### Community Concerns:

There is still a great need for jackets and socks, especially for men.

### WELCA:

Marlene Kiser raised a member's concern about the type of communication needed during COVID times and the frustration some members are feeling, especially those with visual impairment. Suggestions were made to make sure that members know that Council meetings are open and that if members wish to attend Council Zoom meetings, they can contact any of the Council members. Also, a suggestion was made about reading the *News and Views* to those who are not able to do it themselves. Either a recording or a zoom meeting type would be able to bring a closer connectedness to the news of the church and its activities.

### Presentation of Board Action Items for Discussion/Council Approval:

There were no action items for consideration.

### Old/New Business:

#### Taskforce Report on Re-opening:

Shirley Prouty updated the Council on preparations for re-opening.

- The pews have been taped off for required spacing.
- New thermometers will be on hand.
- Acolytes will have necessary organization, training, and management
  - Amber Mansfield will try to help Shirley Prouty with recruiting acolytes.
  - Acolytes will not wear robes.
- Protocols were discussed:
  - COVID-19 Waivers
  - Testing
  - Standard forms for worshippers

Shirley Prouty will be bringing a standard form for legal disclaimer and submitting an article for the newsletter.

Linda Duffek stated the need for a new lapel microphone and a top lock for the sound board. This need will be filled by the re-opening.

March 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> was examined as to the best date to re-open. Worshippers will be asked to go straight back to their cars after the service. No name tags will be used at this time.

Amber Mansfield posed questions her youth are asking about Easter. There will be a goodie bag for children to pick up but there will be no "Easter Egg Hunt."

Shirley ended the presentation and discussion with the questions as to whether we ready to re-open and if so, what date, under the conditions outlined by the Synod, our congregation should hold in-person services.

Linda Duffek moved the opening date for direct services will be March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Paul Maki seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Interim Pastor – Pastor Bill Wessner:

Contract and Start Date

All members of Church Council were emailed a copy of the Contract that had been worked out by the Finance Board and Executive Committee. The process and preparation with the thoroughness required was noted and appreciated. The number of days and requirement for Council meeting attendance were reviewed and noted. The language for commuting was clarified. The start date for Pastor Bill Wessner is to be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Carolyn affirmed that Pastor Bill is ok with in-person services with appropriate precautions.

Bob Behr will send Council members the final draft. Faith Harper moved to approve the contract as presented to employ Pastor Wessner as St. Luke's Interim Pastor. Vice President Christina Hisamoto seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President Carolyn went "Round the Table" for further comments and the meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Minutes as approved on March 16, 2021 with amendment to show Cathy (Catherine) Davis, Co-Chair, Community Concerns changed to be noted as present.