



St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
June 15, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Carolyn Andrews, 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; Linda Duffek Co-Chair, Community Concerns; Cathy Davis, Co-Chair Community Concerns, Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair; Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.

Absent: Christina Hisamoto, Vice President

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. with requests for prayer concerns for illness and surgeries and healing. Pastor Bill Wessner gave a prayer for all those named as well as the health of our congregation.

Approval of the Minutes for May 17, 2021:

President Carolyn Andrews called for the approval of the minutes. Shirley Prouty moved that the minutes be approved. Laura Tice seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

Bob Behr gave a summary of the Finance Report that was filed.

- Although giving is lagging, expenses are still down enough to keep the church ok.
- Money is being taken from the Reserve and Property Board 2020 Fireworks fund, which makes our bottom line look better. We are not \$5,500 but \$1,300 to the good when that money from Special Funds is removed from the bottom line.
- Credit from the County for lowering the Sewer bill has also helped a lot.

Paul Maki noted that May giving was not to budget. The July Finance Board meeting will be a look toward the next six months and on into 2022.

Property:

Clarence Korhonen, Chair, filed his report. Noting that all projects were taken care of.

Worship and Music:

Shirley Prouty, Chair, reported that they had met June 12 and filed a report. The church had one high school graduate to celebrate on Sunday and graduate balloons for others. The Task Force is waiting on further actions until the announcement by the governor about official openings in the State of California.

Community Concerns: (No_Report on file)

Linda Duffik, Co-Chair announced that the clothing closet is going to be repainted and shelves done for free with labor and materials donated.

Clothing distribution is by appointment.

Cathy Davis, Co-Chair asked to be able to move the toys to set up. The Chairs announced that their next meeting would be June 24th but are changing to the second Tuesday of the month to coordinate with Council.

Education: (No_Report on file)

Laura Tice, Chair, informed us that there are no meetings scheduled for the summer but will hopefully be meeting in the fall.

Evangelism: (No_Report on file)

Carol Vance thanked Marlene Kiser for her help. Father's Day Sunday gift bags were prepared and distributed.

W-ELCA: (No_Report on file)

No meeting this month for summer.

New/Old Business:

- Paul Maki is finalizing the banner needed details.

- Update of Transition Team Congregation Survey/Pastor Bill
 - There were 30 separate participants naming about 45 people
 - Long list of beautiful qualities
 - Procedure:
 - Council might wish to call the nominees
 - Acquire more input on names
 - Pastor Bill will create pages with the list and council can use the input and send out the list.
 - Have a special Council meeting to set up the team
 - Marlene Kiser suggested that Council have prayers for reflection for at least two weeks
 - Pastor Bill has jury duty and will be busy for a couple days in the meantime
 - Faith Harper asked about balancing participants to be considered with different perspectives, age groups, etc.
 - Faith Harper suggested one way to be fair may be a “numbering” system.
 - Process/Procedures

Pastor Bill read from the Book of Acts on how it took 120 people to be considered for the final two candidates as the new disciple. The choice of Mathias over Joseph has never been clearly explained.

Pastor will complete the list and asked that it be kept confidential, and that Council could add to it.

After considering vacations and schedules, the possibility of July 14th was suggested as a tentative date to narrow in on members of the Transition Team.

Carolyn Andrews's Final Thoughts and Notes:

The timely submission of expenses for invoices is being emphasized to track expenses better and pay bills on time. The bi-weekly check of Distribution Boxes is important because Church Secretary is supposed to have Fridays off. Deadlines are being emphasized for the Newsletter and the Bulletin. Synod recommendations will be followed with variations via the Task Force for opening up church services. Approval is necessary for any changes.

President Carolyn went "Round the Zoom" for concerns and comments. She announce that any In-Person meetings will be okayed/approved by the Task Force.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Special Meeting of the Transition Team minutes follow



St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
July 14, 2021
Special 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, Linda Duffek, Co-Chair, Community Concerns;
Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair; Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.
Absent: Paul Maki, Finance Board.

The purpose of the meeting was to prayerfully consider the 40 or so names
nominated for the Transition Committee.

President Carolyn Andrews opened the meeting with a request for a
devotion from Pastor Bill. Pastor Bill focused on Psalm 121 for a time of
transitions and gave a prayer for guidance as Council considers this duty.

Council was cautioned that there be no word beyond this meeting as the
discussion will be sensitive. There will be no minutes of the discussion.

After the decision on the Transition Team and its make-up, Pastor Bill
asked if there was anything else for this meeting. Shirley Prouty responded
that the Task Force had met to address usage of St. Luke's facilities by both
members and outside groups and individuals. She read both motions
which had been made at that meeting:

- (1) "Marlene moved that the Task Force recommend to Council that outside groups and individuals who had used our facilities prior to the Covid Pandemic be allowed to use St. Luke's facilities as before, as long as they follow the Sanctuary guidelines previously identified (masks for unvaccinated; social distancing, contact tracing) and sanitizing the facility used prior to leaving, but that new groups or individuals not be considered at this time."
- (2) Shirley moved that the Task Force recommend to Council that members, Boards and Committees of St. Luke's Lutheran Church be allowed to use the facilities, again following Sanctuary guidelines, and be given priority over outside groups and individuals."

She said that both motions had been seconded by Karen Linfor and unanimously carried.

Due to a pending fundraiser by W-ELCA in August, Shirley moved that the Council approve these recommendations. Carolyn seconded the motion.

Clarence asked about the discussion the Task Force had regarding allowing weddings. Shirley responded that the Task Force discussed a potential wedding, but since we did not know if other facilities would be needed for the wedding, the consensus of Task Force members was to allow the wedding if just the Sanctuary would be used, with the stipulation that a donation to the church and pastor be made.

Shirley Prouty moved to approve the recommendations of the Task Force to allow usage of St. Luke's facilities to outside groups, individuals, and members, as stipulated. President Carolyn Andrews seconded the motion and the measure passed unopposed.

Carolyn noted that the wedding in question was to use only the Sanctuary. Pastor Bill stated that he now has two requests for weddings, using only the Sanctuary. Council agreed that there was no problem with using just the sanctuary. Shirley Prouty moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Laura Tice. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:38 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

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