



Minutes Approved
August 17, 2021
Faith A. Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
July 20, 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, Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair; Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.

Absent: Christina Hisamoto, Vice President, Laura Tice, Education

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. with requests for prayer concerns regarding illness, surgeries, and healing. Pastor Bill Wessner gave a prayer for all those named as well as the health of our congregation. Pastor Bill gave a talk about how Moses called seventy elders to help deal with the administration and well-being of the Israelites in Numbers 11. Even those called who didn't make it to the meeting of the blessing convocation were able to heal people if they had been called. He related it to the calling of the Transition Committee and who could help.

Approval of the Minutes:

- President Carolyn Andrews called for the approval of the minutes. Shirley Prouty moved, and Carol Vance seconded the motion that the Church Council minutes for June 15, 2021 be approved (with correction of "cards" to "gift bags" for Father's Day) as well as the

July 14th Special Meeting for the Transition Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

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

- Lower expenses have offset less income.

Paul Maki, Finance Board noted:

- Planning for future problems is the topic for the Board meeting.
- There are no concerns for the Church Council at this time.
- Paul Maki stated that there are no cuts that can be made now.

Property:

The report is on file.

Clarence Korhonen said that the office air conditioner has been repaired and the drainage in the bathroom has been addressed.

Worship and Music:

The report is on file.

Shirley Prouty summarized:

- Continuing with the Communion kits and ordering more
- Choir starts up after Labor Day
- Problems with opening the safe have been resolved

Clarence Korhonen stated that he thought it was time to go to bread and wine communion distribution now.

Community Concerns:

The report is on file.

Shirley Prouty asked about what items are needed for Operation Backpack donations now and Marlene Kiser suggested items left to fill be listed in the bulletin.

Education:

No meeting. No report on file.

Laura Tice had indicated to other members before the meeting that there were problems with getting teachers.

Youth:

No meeting. No report on file.

Pastor Bill informed Council that the Church could start planning for the National Youth Association meeting in July, 2022 and set that as a goal.

Evangelism:

No meeting. No report on file.

Carole Vance said there might be a meeting in 4 to 8 weeks.

W-ELCA:

No report on file.

Marlene Kiser summarized the following:

- BUNCO is set to go on August 14th.
- W-ELCA will have their first in-person meeting on September 18th with lunch.
- W-ELCA is sharing their resources with Community Concerns. There will be a “Yard Sale” instead of the White Elephant sale and a “Country Store” with donated baked goods will be operating.
- November 21st is the annual Thanks Offering with all-women roles, including the Sermon. There was a brief discussion of responsibilities with the agreement that Pastor Bill would do the sermon.

Presentation of Board Action Items for Discussion/Council approval:

- Piano in Schultz Hall
 - Mike Duffek was present along with Linda Duffek to inform us of the wonderful gift from John Linder.
 - Mr. Linder has donated, arranged for transport and tuning of a baby grand piano.
 - Mike Duffek explained how the piano leg was damaged, delaying its arrival at the church. When the repair is done and the piano is delivered, he is paying for a piano tuner to come and finalize the delivery.
 - This is all paid for, courtesy of Mr. Linder.
 - Discussion indicated that it would be a good opportunity for other pianos at the church could be tuned as a courtesy as well when that happens.
- Check Signing
 - Discussion regarding the necessity of two signatures. It was noted that banks do not practice the two signatures policy anymore anyway. This is the Church’s policy.

- Shirley Prouty moved to extend the one signature acceptability on Church checks to facilitate church business the restrictions of COVID.
 - Carol Vance seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Stewardship for 2022
 - Paul Maki explained the importance of a good Stewardship campaign with regular discussions with the congregation.
 - Pastor Bill will talk with Finance about guidance for the August meeting and exploring different templates for such programs.
- Facility Usage
 - The burden on the church secretary was examined.
 - Faith Thomas and Linda Duffek will work with Mike Duffek about any necessary revisions and the use of the COVID Compliance form for facility use.
- Nomination Committee
 - There are four positions that will be open in the upcoming year and a Nominations Committee needs to be formed.
 - The four positions are:
 - Treasurer
 - Youth
 - Evangelism
 - Finance
- Policies and Procedures
 - Documents were presented to Council in June in an email by Bob Behr.
 - Council needs to review them and prepare for discussion and vote at the August meeting.
- Usage of Church grounds
 - Discussion of the increasing liability and hazards of homeless population
 - Bob Behr and Susan Wessner are cleaning up on Sunday mornings to make the areas presentable for services.
 - Property Board with Clarence Korhonen will look into a fence that is compatible with location, cost and style of existing fence.
 - Incidents that have taken place with specific individuals were shared.
- Final Concerns:
 - The demands and needs of the church secretary were examined.
 - The possibilities and flexibilities of keeping Rochelle as our secretary are a primary concern of the Council.

- Council was asked by the Finance Board to remind the Boards to begin putting together budget numbers for the August meeting. They will then be presented to the Finance Board in September.

President Carolyn went “Round the Zoom” for concerns and comments. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M. with the Lord’s Prayer recited in unison.

Respectfully Submitted,
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