



Minutes Approved April 20, 2021

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St. Luke's Church Council Meeting  
March 16, 2021April  
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; Amber Mansfield, SLY (St. Luke's Youth); Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA; Shirley Prouty, Music and Worship/Taskforce Chair; Linda Duffek and Cathy Davis, Co-Chairs Community Concerns, Clarence Korhonen, Property Chair; Carol Vance, Sitting in for Evangelism.

Absent: None

*"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 a prayer and Scripture from Deuteronomy about transitions and passing leadership roles.

Approval of Minutes:

Cathy Davis noted that her name had been left out of the attendance and with that correction Clarence Korhonen moved and Shirley Prouty seconded that the Church Council minutes for February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

The report is on file and Paul Maki summarized the status of St. Luke's as flat for the first week of February and a "spurt" the second week, with a

significant increase in giving. Bob Behr, Treasurer, agreed with the report as well, having reviewed it with the Board. Pastor Bill asked about the number of contributors and the how consistent the giving was. It was less than last year, with some drop in regular giving. He then asked about the number of “unique” contributors, defining them as opposed to those who have a numbered envelope. These donations had appeared to be encouraging.

Paul Maki and Bob Behr presented the process of the Audit for 2020. The committee must have people not on Council, except for Special Funds. He asked for names of people at the April Council meeting, and May at the latest. He needs two people for a couple hours at the most.

#### The Property Board Report:

The report is on file and Clarence Korhonen noted that the light on the north end of the church had been repaired this day. There was a discussion concerning further electrical work and replacement by an electrician. An estimate will be needed. He assured the Council that any necessary work to prepare for further in-person services would be no problem.

#### Worship and Music Report:

Shirley Prouty stated that this report would be under the Task Force Report.

#### St. Luke's Youth (S.L.Y.):

Amber Mansfield report that there were two bags of candy left and that the youth would prepare Easter Bags for children to pick up on Easter.

#### Community Concerns:

Linda Duffek would be sending in the report to file since they will be meeting next week. The Board was looking for old, large purses to fill with toiletries to donate. They will be working with Loaves and Fishes regarding coats for the schools. Kiwanis House will be the project for next month.

#### W-ELCA:

Marlene Kiser reported that W-ELCA voted to combine their mission efforts with Community Concerns at the last meeting. The Bunco and Food drive, although hampered by COVID, for benevolence will continue. Faith Thomas will be finishing out the vacant Vice President term.

Pastor Bill asked to be invited to the Board meetings in order to familiarize himself with the people and projects. He was especially invited to the Work Saturday this month.

#### Old/New Business:

Shirley Prouty reviewed the efforts of the Task Force. They did not meet since the last Council meeting but reported that Worship and Music said 46 people were at the last in-person service, twice as many as expected. Bulletins, etc. were on the back table as well as sanitizer to minimize contact for all attending. There were “waste cups” on both sides for people to use. Laura Tice (and Peggy Moser) said that things moved a bit slow at times with not much social distancing. People were just very happy to be at the service and being able to see each other. Pastor Bill and Marlene Kiser were congratulated for the big step forward. Linda Duffek made suggestions for seating improvement with Shirley Prouty, continuing to look for ways of improving the flow of the congregation.

#### ZOOM Account:

Vice President Christina Hisamoto was continuing her search to find ways to improve the cost of our ZOOM use. ZOOM can be free for some organizations. President Carolyn and Paul Maki made the following points:

- They pay for theirs and could cancel.
- There are three people in our congregation who would need it.
- There is a forty-minute time limit.
- There is a certain number of hosts and each must have a license.

Faith Harper suggested that a small basket could be put out labeled specifically for ZOOM. Paul Maki said that since this would be an ongoing expense for the foreseeable future a \$5 limited Zoom Fund donation could be considered.

#### Flow Chart of the Call Process:

Pastor Bill presented the concepts of a Transition Team vs. a Call Committee. The Sierra Pacific Transitions Manual Glossary on Page 6 was discussed. In some settings the intentional interim would recommend that the Call Committee come later in the process. The goal is who “succeeds” not “replaces” Pastor Carl and we, the church, will become a “new” church. There are three elements to consider:

- 1) Church History
- 2) Church Connections
- 3) Church Future

Whereas a large number of people are recommended and are appointed for the Transition Team, a small number of people (7) would work better on the Call Committee. Approval by the Council is not required, rather they are “elected” by Council. This issue should be ready for decision in the next couple of meetings. Check the Flow Chart on Page 7 of the 105 pages of the Transitions Manual.

This is a careful process and Pastor Bill recommends a Transition Team to start and members can overlap. A Ministry Site Profile must be developed to meet and be approved by the requirements of the Synod. The Congregation must also be engaged in this process and invited to pray for lifting names up for consideration.

#### 2021 Synod Assembly:

The need for two volunteers was addressed with the need for one woman and one man. Vice-President Christina volunteered, and Bob Behr will consider volunteering.

#### Miscellaneous:

- Carol Vance is sending out cards to members who are ill.
- Members assigned to Confirmation Class:
  - Carole Carney
  - Merle Zbrog
  - Carol Vance
  - Carolyn Andrews
- Marlene asked again if people are interested in building up boards and roles in the Church. There was general agreement about this issue.
- Process of Reports was elaborated on with the disposition of Board Reports: The reports are sent to President Carolyn and she distributes them.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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