



Minutes Approved
January 18, 2022
Marlene Kiser

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

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

Absent: Christina Hisamoto, Vice President; Pastor Bill Wessner; Linda Duffek Co-Chair, Community Concerns

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. She then asked Paul Maki to begin the meeting with a prayer for blessing the work of the Council.

Approval of the Minutes:

President Carolyn asked for the approval of the minutes with three corrections:

- After the term solutions under Property, to add "...solutions for overall security."
- Correct the number of people the Fellowship Hall can hold
- Add that the refreshments will be in the courtyard.

Shirley Prouty moved the minutes be approved as corrected and Laura Tice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports on File:

Finance: Treasurer's Report/Special Funds

The report has been emailed to Council.

Treasurer Bob Behr summarized the report in that the St. Luke's is below budget for most items. The Voting Center gave \$1,100 for use of space for the special election which helped for the month. However, the church is \$4,700 on the "wrong" side of the ledger. We are \$13,800 behind in covering expenses. He noted that the biggest change for Special Funds was in the Memorial Fund activity with multiple donations.

Property Board:

The report has been emailed to Council. Board Chair Clarence Korhonen addressed the discovery of the leak in the Narthex that was disclosed during the heavy rainfall. Asbestos shingles may be part of the problem and more rain may help pinpoint the problem.

"All Members Workday" only had 4 or 5 people show up. More help is needed with younger members to clear the gutters. Faith Harper suggested another try for a workday and Clarence agreed that we could try in a couple of weeks. The three important issues are: 1) to get the clean-up job done 2) security 3) cameras.

Worship and Music Board:

Report received. The Board will meet on Saturday, November 20th.

Shirley Prouty reported that all the Christmas decorations are ready and asked for volunteer families to help light the candles. Property will be ready to help with the decorations as well after the W-ELCA meeting to set up on December 11.

Community Concerns Board:

No report received.

Cathy Davis and Gaylen Everett will deliver the donated food on Thursday. Shirley Prouty asked for a picture of all the food to share with the congregation. The single turkey will be given to the custodian. Linda and Michael Duffek will be getting the tree delivered.

Education:

No report. No meeting. Chair Laura Tice informed the Council that the Sunday school with Peggy Moser is doing well.

Youth Board:

No meeting. No report.

Pumpkin bread fundraiser is set for Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Evangelism Board:

No meeting. No meeting.

- The Board has continued outreach with cards.
- They have greeters and roles assigned for December.
- Because of the changing weather conditions there will be no coffee and cookies until indoor gatherings in smaller spaces are appropriate.
- Welcome addresses at the beginning of the worship service will be reinstated to make sure visitors are given information packets and introduced to the congregation.

W-ELCA:

Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA President, gave an oral report on the preparations for Thank Offering Sunday, November 21, 2021. The Christmas Party is on December 11, 2021

- There are sign-ups for the Schultz Hall event
- Food will be in containers and there will be a gift exchange
- After the annual party, the tree will be set up and decorated
- Clarence Korhonen advised that the ladders will be set up for the decorating
- Letter boxes for Christmas cards will be set up
- Announced the new W-ELCA Board elected;
 - Faith Thomas, Vice President
 - Connie Reule, Treasurer
 - Marlene Kiser, Secretary
- W-ELCA is looking for a candidate for president

Presentation of Board Action Items for discussion/Council approval:

Old /New Business:

- **2022 Budget**
 - Paul Maki, Finance Chair, reminded the Council that the Budget had been sent out last month and had asked for adjustments

- The balance of the Budget had been done with some board monies reduced because of funds available in specific Special Funds.
- Facility usage with Visions had been set but there appears to be some questions as to the dates and those attending workshops
 - Linda Duffek is in charge of facility usage and will confer with Visions about whether more than just teachers are to be attending.
- Marlene Kiser asked about the three-quarters time pastor salary and compensation which is noted in the budget.
- Faith Harper asked about Executive Board renewing Pastor Bill's contract since it is up next month, which was confirmed.
- Fireworks money has not been moved to the General Fund yet and money is tight.

President Carolyn asked for a motion to approve the Budget. Marlene Kiser moved and Laura Tice seconded approval of the 2022 Budget as presented for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **The Nominating Committee Report:**

- Faith Harper reported that Elizabeth Brasier had accepted the nomination for Council Youth Board.
- Carol Vance reported that she had made three contacts for Council Secretary but no one had accepted. She had two more people she was going to contact.
- President Carolyn had been contacting the candidates for Council Treasurer. One candidate is asking for time to prayerfully consider the request.

- **Transition Team Update:**

- Pastor Bill was returning from vacation and there was no further information.
- Paul Maki suggested at this point that progress was apparently at a standstill and that Council should consider going straight to a Call Committee. Marlene Kiser also expressed concern on behalf of the congregation after almost a year without a permanent pastor.
- Faith Harper moved to go directly to a Call Committee and Clarence Korhonen seconded.

- After much discussion Paul Maki suggested that target dates be set.
- Marlene Kiser proposed a Tuesday, November 30th meeting be called for 6:30 P.M. with Pastor Bill. This would be an open meeting to the congregation to bridge the time between the Transition Team decision of the April Council meeting and the possible January 11th date to start the Call Committee process.
- Faith Harper agreed to withdraw the motion regarding the Call Committee with the consent of Clarence and reminded the Council that a self-study had already been done in 2019.
- Clarence Korhonen reviewed several points on the original documents from the Synod's Transition Manual submitted by Pastor Bill last spring, such as defining who our neighbors are as part of the awareness our congregation needs.

Marlene Kiser pointed out the difficulty of finding seven individuals for the Call Committee who could make such a commitment and that it could be overwhelming. Sources of finding people with such qualities were discussed.

It was agreed that a notice about the November 30th meeting would be put in the bulletin for the next two Sundays for the Congregation.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faith Harper
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