



Minutes Approved  
November 16, 2021  
Faith A. Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting  
October 19, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting

**Present:** Carolyn Andrews, President; Pastor Bill Wessner; Bob Behr, Treasurer; Faith Harper, Secretary; Paul Maki, Finance Board; Shirley Prouty, Worship and Music/Taskforce Chair; Laura Tice, Education; 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; Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:**

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. She then asked Pastor Bill Wessner for a prayer to begin the meeting. He opened by giving thanks for the world seasons and the gift of the church, where we care for His people with love and become His missionaries to glorify His name.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

President Carolyn asked for several corrections to the emailed version. Shirley Prouty moved and Linda Duffek seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Board:**

Bob Behr, Treasurer, gave a summary of the report on file. There was a check from the Voter Registrar's office for facility usage to be deposited. The church is not maintaining or growing as in past years.

Paul Maki, Chair, gave thanks to the members of the Finance Board for their hard work in preparing the budget which was sent out to the Council. Income needs to increase, and Pastor Bill will be dealing with that soon.

Property Board:

The report has been emailed to Council.

Clarence Korhonen, Chair, was looking at solutions for overall church security. Asked if someone donated a “Ring” Security System, he said there would be no problem installing it. The lines in the parking lot have faded noticeably and need to be re-painted. The sum of \$8,000 has already been set aside so the lot can be sealed, and lines done every four to five years.

Worship and Music:

The report has been emailed to Council.

All is in place for the following Sunday services:

- 11/21 W-ELCA
- 11/28 Advent
- 01/06/22 Take-down decorations

The banner has been done and will be put up with addition of the church name.

There will be no Thanksgiving Day Service.

Linda Duffek is in charge of picking out the Christmas Tree and bringing it to Church.

Community Concerns:

No meeting. No report emailed. Linda Duffek reported that Alcoholics Anonymous will be at the church on October 20 and cleaning out the rooms for Sunday. Visions will have key when they are set up.

The Usage form will be filled out when they come.

Pastor Bill said the office needs a record of who will be there, and it was agreed activities will be noted on the calendar.

Education:

No meeting. No report. Laura Tice, Chair, was on vacation. The report from the Sunday School participants was that the children are enjoying, and Pastor Bill said that they are excited to be together.

### Youth:

No meeting. No report. No Chair.

**A Youth Project** has been suggested. To keep in the tradition of previous years, it was suggested that the Pumpkin Bread Fundraiser continue with any youth available to meet for November 14<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>st</sup> to bake the loaves for Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Connie Ruele will be selling the calendars as well.

### Evangelism:

No meeting. No report. Carol Vance said that care cards have been sent out. Coffee, cupcakes, and cookies after the Fall Festival were served in the courtyard. As long as the weather is nice, refreshments will continue to be served on Sundays in the courtyard. Because Room 5 is so small, the multipurpose room will be used for after-service fellowship. There were three Sunday visitors recently who were given the bean jars. Greeter positions are filled for November, but more are needed for December.

### W-ELCA:

No report

## **Presentation of Board Action Items for discussion/council approval:**

### **New/Old Business:**

- Youth Project Suggestion (Under Youth above.)
- Background checks have been requested so that the hiring process for the church secretary will proceed and filled by November 1st.
- Vice-President Christina Hisamoto will need volunteers to help with the Nomination process. Carol Vance and Faith Harper volunteered to assist her.
- 2022 Proposed Budget:
  - Paul Maki asked about the Visions contract with four dates for tutor training, but Linda Duffek already had two dates set for January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The fee will be \$55 per room.
  - The Budget will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Questions can be emailed to Paul Maki.
  - Possible Revenue Sources:
    - Schultz Hall can hold perhaps 200 seated, maybe 300 standing guests for member use.

- Regarding outside use for Schultz Hall, there have been two requests by larger groups for 75 to 150 people.
- Budget constraints for pastor's position dictate perhaps either a ¾-time or new seminary graduate for the position of Pastor.

**Transition Team:**

Pastor Bill said there was nothing new to report and is excited that a new church secretary will be helping to relieve the other drains on his time. This will help expedite the Transition Team progress.

Consecration Sunday for dedication of Member Giving has not been scheduled.

President Carolyn went round the Zoom for Comments:

- Clarence Korhonen noted that the garbage disposal has been fixed in time for the Pumpkin Bread.
- Carole Vance said that coffee and cookies have been available for two Sundays.
- Pastor Bill gave thanks for the Pastor appreciation gift and prayers.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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