



Minutes Approved
October 19, 2021
Faith A. Harper

St. Luke's Church Council Meeting
September 21, 2021
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Carolyn Andrews, President; Christina Hisamoto, Vice President; Pastor Bill Wessner; Bob Behr, Treasurer; Faith Harper, Secretary; Paul Maki, Finance Board; Marlene Kiser, W-ELCA; Shirley Prouty, Worship and Music Board/Taskforce Chair; Linda Duffek Co-Chair, Community Concerns Board; Cathy Davis, Co-Chair Community Concerns Board, Clarence Korhonen, Property Board; Carol Vance, sitting in for Evangelism Board.

Absent: Laura Tice, Education Board

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

President Carolyn Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. She asked Pastor Bill Wessner to begin the meeting with a prayer. He emphasized the idea that we are sustained by the gifts of the Lord and through the gifts of the congregation.

Approval of the Minutes:

President Carolyn Andrews asked for approval of the Minutes from August 17, 2021. Shirley Prouty moved to approve, and Linda Duffek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Board:

Report on file. Bob Behr, Treasurer, reported that the revenue was not as much as anticipated. Expenses are still lower except for water usage. Bottom line, with income minus expenses, the church is \$1,100-\$1,200 behind. Without the Reserve supplement, it comes to \$8,400 behind. For the next four months we need to average approximately \$16,000 per month

in income to meet expected expenses and to make up for previous shortfalls.

Paul Maki, Finance Chair, was happy to report that all but one of the Boards had submitted their budget for 2022, and this was the first time for such a good response. Special Funds has no major changes. He stated that the Budget is still in jeopardy with services and expenses as they are today. Proposed budget for 2022 would be released shortly for Council to review and possible budget cuts will be discussed at the next meeting.

Property Board:

The report has been emailed to Council. Clarence Korhonen stated that he had no action items but had serious considerations regarding the security of the church.

- He said the Presbyterian Church at 24th and Fruitridge has groups which volunteer to clean and suggested we could do the same.
- The fencing proposal should be researched.
- The unused property of the church could be making money with
 - Solar farming
 - Storage units
 - Skilled people to work with these ideas
- Zoning is also a consideration and may be challenging
- A Long-Term Plan committee could be necessary

Pastor Bill recounted that there had been no serious Sunday morning homeless problems since the September 5th incident when many items were thrown away.

Worship and Music Board:

Report has been emailed to Council.

Shirley Prouty said that David and Judy Saxby would not be able to get a Christmas Tree for the Church this year, so we need to have a Plan B. In response, Linda Duffek volunteered that she and her husband will provide any funds needed to purchase a Christmas Tree. Appreciation was expressed by all.

Bob Behr asked about the “Open for You” Banner readiness. Paul Maki stated that the banner is no expense to the congregation and will be ready in the next two weeks.

- December 11th –Tree Decorations ready
- December 12th – Annual Meeting

Community Concerns Board:

No report received. Linda Duffek noted that a list of cooperative projects with W-ELCA was sent out.

Education:

No meeting. No report on file.

Adult Bible Classes on the book of Luke has fourteen people attending on Zoom Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

Youth:

No meeting. No report on file.

Evangelism Board:

No meeting. No report on file.

The list of Welcomers will be listed in the *News and Views* and posted in the Narthex. Cards have been sent out and more soup bean jars are needed for presentation to first-time visitors.

W-ELCA:

No written report. A verbal report was given.

The group met on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Twenty-one women met to discuss upcoming events. The Bunco Fundraiser scheduled in August was cancelled due to COVID.

- The Fall Festival needs Boards to give Faith Thomas information for flyers to hand out to attendees.
- November– W-ELCA Annual Thank Offering and Service will be on November 21st .
- December – The annual Christmas Party with Tree Decorating afterwards

New/Old Business:

- 2022 Board Budgets are all in except for Education.
- The Bulk Mail permit expires on March 2, 2022.
 - Since many members are online
 - Any mail, such as *News and Views*, could be limited to those without computers.
 - A limited number of hard copies could be on the back table for church services.
 - This would save on paper and postage.

- There will be a couple of months of notice and further discussion at the next meeting.
- Church Secretary position: Pastor Bill and President Carolyn said there were two expressions of interest and one candidate that will be interviewed this week.
 - Hours: 15 a week, Tuesday through Friday
 - The necessity of a background check was emphasized, and Council was informed of legal requirements.
 - Security for the Church and the Secretary was discussed. Faith Harper brought up the idea of a “Ring” type doorbell which Property will explore.
- Facility Usage Application /Agreement
 - This issue has been discussed with Rochelle Jaeger before she left. She redid the form, and it will be sent out.
- Nominating Committee
 - Christina Hisamoto was asked to chair the Nominating Committee for the positions of Secretary, Youth, Treasurer and Evangelism.
 - The Annual Meeting will be held in-person and via Zoom on December 12th immediately following the 10:30 service. Due to COVID there will be no Potluck this year.
- Transition Team Update
 - Pastor Bill reported that there has been a holdup in the progress with no date yet.
 - Pastor Wong is anxious, and the team should be ready in the next couple of months.
- Program for Stewardship will commence in October in the form of “Consecration Sunday” to meet the needs of our congregation with commitment and a Pledge component.

Miscellaneous:

- Clarence Korhonen asked that Bob Behr and Paul Maki let the congregation know ahead of time what will be included and what will be presented to a pastor candidate.
- Peggy Moser has asked to keep the Sunday School for the younger children after the Children’s Sermon. Faith Harper suggested a handout for Sunday school during the Children’s Sermon if there is no Sunday School. Social Distancing and masks will be used for safe practices, if required, in Sunday School. President Carolyn sent an

email to Laura Tice asking her to arrange a meeting for the three of them to discuss Sunday School.

Pastor Bill expressed how much of a blessing the faithfulness of the congregation had in comforting the family of Mary Francis Harris at her funeral. Clarence summarized his appreciation for her thoughtfulness in closing at "Round the Table."

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully Submitted,
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