

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022



Present: David Anderson, Norm Arlandson, Erin Brothen, Pastor Shawna Day, Patty Dolan, Karen Gordon, Roberta Holscher, Helen Holtti, Brenda Robbins, Paultina Rollay, Matt Sanders

Absent: Susan Albers

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Karen Gordon, President

Devotions

Devotions led by Matt Sanders. Devotions on November 15, 2022 will be led by Patty Dolan.

Announcements/Reminders

- Next Council Meeting: November 15 2022, 6:30 pm
- Annual Congregation Meeting: February 5, 2023

Approve Minutes

- 9/20/2022 Council Meeting Minutes (attached). Helen Holtti made a motion to approve the minutes with added info to fund balances, Patty Dolan seconded , unanimously approved.

Reports

- Finance – Matt Sanders. Income is at 83% year-to-date so is slightly ahead of the 75% (January through September). Expenses are at 74% year-to date through September. Rate increases in utilities, etc. not yet reflected which will affect the remainder of the year. Erin Brothen made a motion to approve the Finance Report, Norm Arlandson seconded, unanimously approved.
- Pastor’s Report – Pastor Shawna. Thanked Council for missional support. Kick-off of Stewardship campaign called “Sharing Abundance” this year. Matt Sanders will assist in kicking off campaign. Cards with different dollar amounts will be available for people to take and thermometer posters will be hung around the building so everyone can see where we are at with our goal. Donations will be applied to Stewardship Donation. A letter with pledge card is also being discussed.

Committee, Team, & Initiative Reports (motions from committees do not require a second)

- Budget & Finance – Matt Sanders. No separate report this month.
- Celebration Team – Erin Brothen/Paultina Rollay. All positive comments received from neighbors, members, etc. Outdoor worship with lunch outside once a year was discussed. Karen Gordon thanked the team for all of their hard work.

- Executive Committee – Karen Gordon. Executive Committee met before tonight’s meeting. Discussed new member process, office hours/church doors locked, written policies, long term financial planning.
- Family & Social Ministry – Erin Brothen. Sunday School installation usually done every September. Scheduled this year for 10/30/2022. ELCA Good Gifts will be handled by this team this year.
- Fundraising 2022 Goal \$2500 – Patty Dolan. Rummage sale made \$1700, fall flower fundraiser raised \$413, pop sales are at \$300, previous donation of \$50, ShredRight (ongoing dollar amount not known) - \$2500 goal has been achieved.
- Property (attached) – Roberta Holscher. Alarm system/cameras discussion – it was suggested that the Property Committee, Pastor Shawna, and Chris Gordon meet to discuss what is needed/wanted and advise Council of result. Adjuster to look at the slate roof for possible hail damage is scheduled for October 19th – still waiting on estimate from Action Roofing. Healing Hub window work is complete, back door awning is rotting and needs to be replaced in the spring. Owens Companies has been secured for this heating season again. Snow removal bid received from Tony Lougee which increased from \$450 per month last year to \$525 per month this year. Patty Dolan made a motion for Stanley Door to come out and repair the locking system on the door for \$1,000 or less, seconded by Paultina Rollay, unanimously approved.
- Worship & Music – Pastor Shawna. Shared that Richard Duncan has someone possibly interested in the 72 blue chairs. Tabled for further discussion until December. Worship and Music Committee is getting more organized, working on volunteer list for readers, ushers, etc. along with a white board as a reminder for folks.
- WELCA – Patty Dolan reported that at the last meeting lutefisk dinner and holiday bazaar planning was discussed.

Not reporting: Audit, Membership, Nominating Committee, RIC, Scholarship, ShredRight4Good, Tech Team

Old Business

- Special Congregation Meeting Sunday, October 9, 2022 Follow-up
 - Review Minutes
 - Motion passed to discard the paper ballots from:
 - ✓ 8/30/20 meeting to hire a deacon
 - ✓ 3/13/22 meeting to request \$50k from the Foundation for building repairs
 - ✓ 4/3/22 meeting to call Pastor Shawna

Brenda Robbins has the paper ballots and will discard.

- Frequency of Background Checks – Council will require a one-time background check. Karen Gordon will check with the synod to determine who requires a background check. Roberta Holscher will check with our insurance company if they have any guidelines/requirements for background checks.
- Community Building Use Policy, Contract & Pricing – Pastor Shawna is working on a new form with new pricing.

New Business

- Nominating Committee – Roxanne Dunlop, Ron Halverson, Zach Robbins, Janet Lovejoy, Barbie Whale. Karen Gordon (President) and Roberta Holscher's (Secretary) terms are up in February 2023.
- Council Holiday Event – to be discussed at the November meeting

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

Motion made by Norm Arlandson, seconded by Helen Holtti, and was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Holscher

Roberta Holscher, Secretary