

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022



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

Absent: Susan Albers, Norm Arlandson, Paultina Rollay

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Karen Gordon, President

Devotions

Devotions led by Patty Dolan. Devotions on December 20, 2022 will be led by Pastor Shawna.

Announcements/Reminders

- Next Council Meeting: December 20 2022, 6:30 pm
- Annual Congregation Meeting: February 5, 2023
- Motion made by Executive Committee and approved via email 10/25/22: *Pay for the plumbing repair in the water line between the men's and women's bathrooms in the main church building using funds from the \$50k from the Foundation for building repairs.*
- MCLC Art Book Fundraiser: Listen With Your Eyes", Traci Dugan. Shared the book that she researched and wrote and had printed up. The books will be sold at the Holiday Bazaar and every Sunday after worship. There are 20 hardcover (\$45) and 20 softcover books (\$30) to sell. There will be about a \$600 profit if they all sell.

Approve Minutes

- 10/18/2022 Council Meeting Minutes (attached). Patty Dolan made a motion to approve the minutes with positions listed for Karen Gordon and Roberta Holscher under New Business, Erin Brothen seconded, unanimously approved.

Reports

- Finance – Matt Sanders. Brenda Robbins made a motion to settle Restricted Fund balances as follows: transfer \$265.02 from Healing & Recovery Services to the General Fund for Songs of My Life, \$444.89 from the Healing Hub to Health Fair Grant Fund, \$25.74 from Hymnals to General Fund Music Expense, seconded by Helen Holtti, unanimously approved. There will still be a deficit balance of (\$686.59) in the Health Fair Grant to clear up. Erin Brothen made a motion to accept the financial report, Helen Holtti seconded, unanimously approved.
 - ✓ Water Bill - \$626 bill was paid in October and the next bill was approximately \$1066 – water pipe leak has been repaired.
- 2022 Fundraising Goal \$2500 – exceeded goal and are at \$2,900 currently.

- Pastor's Report – Pastor Shawna has started recording her sermons via a podcast streamed through Spotify that is available via our website. First Communion will be planned in January/February. There is a baptism scheduled for 1/8/23 – Julie Goodmundson's daughter.
- Worship & Music Report – Pastor Shawna reported that it has been going very well with the volunteer list now being done, a few special worship services are being planned such as a Celtic service, candlelight service, etc. Christmas Eve worship service is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. and Christmas Day is scheduled for 11:00. A banner will be made to advertise worship times and a postcard mailer done also.

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

- Budget & Finance – Brenda Robbins made a motion to address our lack of accessible restricted fund cash, redeem \$6,000.00 from our Thrivent Investment accounts (close Hammergren Fund and take the balance from moderate and moderate aggressive funds prorata), unanimously approved.
- Family & Social Ministry – Erin Brothen reported there have been more kids in Sunday School, she is working on the Christmas program, and will provide an ELCA Good Gifts announcement for the December Illuminator. Sunday School Installation will take place during the 11/20 worship service just before the children's sermon.
- Nominating Committee – Karen Gordon reported that four out of the five members met tonight and will have a report next month for Council.
- Property Committee – Roberta Holscher reported insurance is going up \$1200 next year. Recommended we call around for quotes. Helen Holtti volunteered to make some calls. Roberta is still waiting on the insurance company/adjuster to get back to us regarding the roof damage. The invoice received from Richfield Plumbing was \$583.90 over what they had quoted us for the additional sink and faucet repairs. Pastor Shawna will call Richfield Plumbing to plead our case. Patty Dolan made to pay the \$2400 and dispute the remaining balance, seconded by Brenda Robbins, unanimously approved.
- RIC – Erin Brothen reported there was an informational meeting on Sunday which was well attended, in process of writing the welcoming statement, and next meeting is at the end of November.
- Stewardship – Pastor Shawna, Matt Sanders. Cards with different denominations are now on a table in Fellowship Hall as of 11/13. A couple have been received but no known dollar amount yet.

Not reporting: Audit, Executive, Membership, Scholarship, Tech Team, WELCA, MCLC Foundation

Old Business

- Paper Ballots from 8/30/20, 3/13/22 and 4/3/22 Congregation Meetings
- Background Check policy will be drafted by the Executive Committee using ELCA and Insurance guidelines.
- Community Building Use Policy, Contract and Pricing – still in process and tabled until the February meeting.
- Council Holiday Event – Psycho Suzie's. Pastor Shawna will make the arrangements.

New Business

- Picture Directory –Membership Committee will be asked to work on a church directory and determine if it should include pictures. Should Tellers be on the Ballot? Per our Cash Handling Policy, our Financial Secretary (Brenda Robbins) does not touch money coming in since they write the checks. All incoming money is counted and recorded by the Tellers. Determined it is not necessary to add Tellers to the annual ballot.
- February 5, 2023 Annual Planning
 - ✓ December – Draft agenda and Meeting Notice
 - ✓ Due date for Annual Reports
 - ✓ January Council (19 days prior to Annual Meeting) – Approve Meeting Notice and enclosures
 - ✓ Meeting Notice mail date – January 20th, 2023

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

Motion made by Brenda Robbins, seconded by Erin Brothen, and was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Holscher

Roberta Holscher, Secretary