



Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

Call to Order & Roll Call (12 members, quorum is 7 members)

- **Present:** Erin Brothen, Karen Gordon, Helen Holtti, Brenda Robbins, Matt Sanders, Hillary Williams, Zack Robbins, Patty Dolan, Susan Albers
- **Absent:** Paultina Rollay, Pastor Matt, Roberta Holscher
- Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Karen Gordon, President

Devotions

- Zack Robbins
- Volunteer for October - Helen Holtti

Announcements/Reminders

- Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting: 9/24/23
- BOLD 2nd Trial Sunday: 10/8/23
- Council & Committees Retreat: 10/8/23 (12-5pm)
- Next Council Meeting: 10/17/23

Meeting Minutes

- 8/15/23 Council Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion:** Approve the minutes
 - Motioned: Helen; 2nd: Hillary; Result: Unanimously approved

Reports

- Finance – Brenda Robbins
 - **Motion:** Accept report
 - Motioned: Erin; 2nd: Susan; Result: Unanimously approved
- Pastor – Pastor Matt (written report)

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

- BOLD - written report
- Executive
 - Should Executive Committee notes be sent out to council?
 - Should be submitted to the church's permanent record



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- **Motion by Executive Committee**: MCLC will select Portico's Gold+ health insurance benefit for 2024.
 - Result: Unanimously approved
- Property
 - Storm damage from August hail storm. Roofers and bat people inspected the roof and said it is pretty beaten up. The committee is exploring a possible insurance claim to fix the slate roof.
 - Make sure these are taken care of: Snow Removal Contract and Prepare to turn on furnace
- RIC
 - Erin will check to see if MCLC is listed on the RIC website
 - Oct. 22 or 29 - guest speaker from Simpson Housing will speak before the sermon on homelessness and take a collection for Simpson
- Stewardship
 - Pastor Matt and Matt Sanders will meet to make a Stewardship plan
 - We need to identify more people to be on this committee so it can be a year-round committee.
 - Responsibilities: Plan to include stewardship into more church activities; plan fundraising drives
 - Deadline for changing 2024 giving envelopes is Nov. 15 (e.g. make sure right people get them, recommended donation amounts are correct, add a debt reduction envelope)
 - **Motion**: Add a debt reduction envelope to the 2024 giving envelopes once per quarter.
 - Motioned: Matt; 2nd: Helen; Result: Unanimously approved
 - **Motion**: Change the Bulletin and Illuminator Printing giving envelope to \$20
 - Motioned: Brenda; 2nd: Matt; Result: Unanimously approved
- Transition Team
 - They are making progress revising the Ministry Site Profile. Pastor Matt expects to be finished by the end of October.
- WELCA
 - Lutefisk Diner and Bazaar are coming up.



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- Should Council do a thank-you for WELCA (e.g. provide snacks for one of WELCA's meetings)?
 - Brenda will ask WELCA if they are okay with this plan for the next meeting (Dec. 2 at 10am)

Not reporting: Audit, Family & Social Ministry, Membership, Nominating, Picture Restoration, Scholarship, MCL Foundation, Budget & Finance, Worship & Music

Old Business

- Office Manager Search
 - There was a very good candidate, but she backed out.
 - Pastor Matt and Brenda will set up interviews with 4 new candidates soon
 - Roberta will help keep bulletins and Illuminator going until a new person is hired. We are looking for volunteers to help cover the phones and other office tasks (particularly Thursdays, but any day would work)
- Sunday School Installation - 9/24/2023 during worship

New Business

- N/A

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

- Adjournment
 - ✓ Motioned: Helen; 2nd: Brenda; Result: Unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Zack Robbins
Secretary