

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
Approved Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023



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

- **Present:**, Erin Brothen (Vice President), Pastor Matt, Karen Gordon, Roberta Holscher, Helen Holtti, Brenda Robbins, Matt Sanders (Treasurer), Hillary Williams, Zack Robbins (Secretary), Patty Dolan,
- **Absent:** Susan Albers, Paultina Rollay
- Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Karen Gordon, President

Devotions

- Helen Holtti
- Volunteer for November - Brenda

Announcements/Reminders

- Next Council Meeting: 11/21/23

Meeting Minutes

- 9/19/23 Council Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion:** Approve the minutes
 - Motioned: _; 2nd: _; Result: Unanimously approved

Reports

- Finance – Matt
 - September's expenses were a bit higher because of taxes and insurance
 - **Motion:** Accept report
 - Motioned: Helen; 2nd: Hilary; Result: Unanimously approved
- Pastor – Pastor Matt
 - Pastor Matt went to the Bishop's Theological Conference in Alexandria, MN in September
 - MCLC hired Sophie as the new Office Manager.
 - First confirmation gathering on October 8th (2 from MCLC and 4 from St. Peders)
 - Next confirmation meeting is October 29
 - Pastor Matt went to an implicit bias training with other local pastors and will be bringing what he's learned back to Council and the Transition Team
 - Visitation - Pastor Matt recommends equipping congregation members to assist with visitation, since he has not had much time for visitation given the busy last few months.

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

- Budget & Finance - meeting in 2 weeks
- BOLD

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- BOLD is having a town hall meeting on October 22 to compare Bethel and MCLC and needs MCLC recommendations
- Council discussed considerations for sharing space with BOLD based on recommendations from Karen (e.g. worship, Sunday School, fellowship/coffee hour, dedicated spaces, building security, insurance, and monthly fee)
- **Motion:** Move forward with a proposed monthly fee for BOLD of \$650 to \$750 plus copies and kitchen supplies as outlined in the draft proposal.
 - Motioned: Patty; 2nd: Matt; Result: Unanimously approved
- Property (submitted September report)
 - Roof repair - insurance will write it up as a full slate roof replacement, waiting on the estimate from the insurance company
 - Will switch the office and copy rooms around the first of the year
 - Xcel Energy Peak Rewards program - 3 years of a saver switch (June - September) to turn down the AC during peak hours in exchange for a \$2,000 reimbursement.
 - Internet - Geek Squad will be coming out to inspect the building to optimize our wifi
 - Organist Room - Property committee will find a room to store music
 - Tanya (our custodian) has clarified what she cleans weekly and monthly; anything else will need to be communicated to her in advance
- RIC
 - Speaker and collection during service on October 29
 - Creating RIC stickers for the door
- Transition Team (submitted written report)
 - ¾ through the MSP. Meeting again October 25.
- Worship & Music
 - Sunday school plans to order fundraising wreaths with the Christmas poinsettias from Bachmans

Not reporting: Audit, Executive, Family & Social Ministry, Membership, Nominating, Picture Restoration, Scholarship, Stewardship, MCLC Foundation, WELCA

Old Business

- Council/Committee Retreat Follow-up
 - Notes from the retreat are still being transcribed
- Background Checks
 - Background checks have started for office manager, Executive Committee, Sunday School, and tellers
- Stewardship

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New Business

- Engage Nominating Committee
 - Zack will send out a reminder to the Nominating Committee members with proposed meeting dates

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

- Adjournment
 - ✓ Motioned: Erin; 2nd: Roberta; Result: Unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Zack Robbins
Secretary