

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
Approved Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024



Call to Order & Roll Call (11 members, quorum is 6 members)

Erin Brothen (Vice President)	pres.	Hillary Williams	pres.	Patty Dolan	Pres.
Karen Gordon (President)	pres.	Pastor Matt	pres.	Bobbie Khulman	pres.
Janet Lovejoy (Treasurer)	zoom	Susan Albers	Abs.	Brenda Robbins	Pres.
Zack Robbins (Secretary)	pres.	Paultina Rollay	Abs.		

Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81102269388

- Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm by Karen Gordon, President

Devotions - Patty Dolan

- Volunteer for April - Bobbie Khulman

Announcements/Reminders

- Easter Breakfast: 3/31/24
- Next Council Meeting: 4/23/24
- Synod Assembly: 5/2-5/4/24 - Erin Brothen and Paultina Rollay are going (Pr. Matt will take care of registration)

Meeting Minutes

- 2/20/24 Council Meeting Minute
 - **Motion:** Approve the minutes
 - Motioned: Brenda Robbins; 2nd: Patty Dolan; Result: Unanimously approved

Reports

- Finance – Janet Lovejoy
 - Giving in January and February was good
 - **Motion:** Accept report
 - Motioned: Erin Brothen; 2nd: Hillary Williams; Result: Unanimously approved
 - 10K Debt Reduction Challenge
 - As of today about \$2500 has been given. Make a note on checks or giving envelopes to contribute
- Pastor – Pastor Mat
 - Uptick in pastoral care with hospitalizations and 2 funerals.
 - Wednesday afternoon Lenten services have had consistent attendance
 - April pulpit supply has been filled.
 - 2 have expressed interest in becoming members. Pr. Matt will meet with them.

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

- Budget & Finance - Janet Lovejoy and Brenda Robbins
 - Discussed reallocating funds in the scholarship fund and increasing the \$650/year scholarship amount (it has a balance over \$31,000).
 - Next meeting May 5 after church - all are welcome to attend
 - Up to 7 tellers (excluding Janet); goal of getting 3 more.
- BOLD - Karen Gordon
 - Still finalizing a date to continue discussing details for the lease agreement.
 - Planning to move into MCLC the last week in May and have their first service on June 23
 - BOLD has accepted an offer on their building!
- Call Committee - Brenda Robbins
 - Waiting for names of candidates from the Synod
- Family & Social Ministry - Erin Brothen
 - RIC will be coming under Family & Social Ministry
- Property Committee - Patty Dolan
 - In February approved rate increase for cleaning from \$35 to \$40 per hour (via email) - Patty Dolan will follow up to get the rate increase finalized in writing.
 - Doesn't need council approval because it fits within the budget of the Property Committee
 - Zack Robbins will contact all the committee chairs to let them know to contact Sophie if there is a special event at church and a weekly group will not be able to meet; Sophie will then contact the group. (e.g. if there is a special event on Saturday for a dinner or wedding).
 - Discussed the frequency of cleaning, especially with the Saturday group meeting in the evenings. If the bathrooms are not clean on Sundays, then let the Property Committee know so they can figure out a solution.
- RIC - Patty Dolan
 - Accomplished its goal of making MCLC RIC, so now will fall under FSM and not meet as a committee. They will still meet as needed.
- Worship & Music - Pr. Matt
 - Maundy Thursday at MCLC; Good Friday at St. Peders. No other updates

Not reporting: Audit, Membership, Nominating, Picture Restoration, Scholarship, Stewardship, MCLC Foundation, WELCA

Old Business

- Council Retreat Date (October 2024)
 - Tentatively Oct. 27 after church

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- 2024 Neighborhood Mailing – Easter Postcard Mailed
- Transparency with Congregation – Update/Follow-Up
 - No new concrete plans. Will revisit periodically as we have new things to discuss

New Business

- Fire Dept Called 3/9 - caused by a burnt out doorbell transformer. There is now a new wireless doorbell.
 - The Executive Committee will work on creating an emergency plan and procedure.
- MCLC 30th Anniversary – June 6, 1994 (Thursday)
 - Worship & Music wants to do something to celebrate it. Let Traci Dugan know if you have ideas or suggestions. It will potentially be an outdoor service.
- Lifeline Proposal (see attached)
 - **Motion:** Approve the Lifeline proposal. Motioned by Patty Dolan; seconded by Erin Brothen. Unanimously approved.

Meeting Summary for April Illuminator

- Approved a new policy for members and friends to request funds for covering emergency medical alert system costs.
- The RIC committee will now fall under the Family & Social Ministry.
- We are hoping to welcome BOLD into our building mid-June.

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

- Adjournment
 - ✓ Motioned: Bobbie Khulman; 2nd: Hillary Williams; Result: Unanimously approved
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Zack Robbins
Secretary