

HLC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of May 9, 2022

Present: Gary Gausmann, Matt Kuehl, Donna Niesen-Campbell, Pastor Beth, Gregg Burmeister, Troy Freemyer, Linda Marks, Carol Duffy, Ted Ryan, Sonja Jensen. Guest: Margie Moore.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Pastor Beth opened with a devotion. We each shared about a person who made a difference in helping us see God in our religious journey.

- Vice-President's Report: We are looking at the summer schedule. The cleaning crew is a little over-whelmed and will meet with Matt to reassess. Jane and Sue would like to schedule some cleaning days with volunteers to catch up on accumulated dust and dirt.
- Pastor Beth announced 9 confirmands that will be confirmed this Sunday: Cole Bostedt, Alex Byrnes, Benjamin Klinke, Anthony Kuehl, Cassidy Pohlman, Dominic Puccio, Maxwell Wilde, Orion Wilson, and Erik Wollin. Carol made a motion to present the names to the congregation this Sunday, Linda seconded, motion carried.
- Secretary's Report was electronically approved.
- Treasurer's Report: We are above the budgeted income but below budgeted expenses. Giving is starting to go down and we will have to watch the income/expenses. The checking account has about \$25,000 after expenses as of today. We don't have a new treasurer yet, but there are some members still considering it.

CALENDAR CLEARANCES

- Stewardship Committee will meet on May 22 and June 12.
- Faith Over Fear in Uncertain Times Life Coaching with Heather Strand will meet June 5 at 10 am.
- High-Tech will be doing furnace/AC maintenance on May 17-18.
- No Worship Ministry in June, but will meet on July 5 at 6:30.
- Youth Retreat will be at Bethel Horizons on July 29-30.

MINISTRY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Adult Ministry: Troy reported that almost \$900 was raised for Ukraine at the soup and sandwich dinner. A generous donor offered to add to it to make it an even \$1,000. Troy said they would like to do another one in the fall.
- Worship Ministry: Sonja's report was submitted.
- Endowment: Ted reported that the fund took a hit of about \$20,000, and some funds went up while some went down. We still have \$322,000 in the fund. He reported that Georgia Punswick and Dick Lande have agreed to join the committee. Ted made a motion to approve the additions, Carol seconded, motion carried. The checking account has \$7,041.
- Memorial Fund: Margie reported that we have \$3,976.47 in the fund and about \$1,000 is designated towards specific items. About \$750 was received in memory of Doris Marks.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Covid situation has remained the same.
- Gary will update the Security section in the Procedures and Policy Manual. The church keys situation was discussed. Sonja made a motion to give Mary the access code to the secured area of the building, Gregg seconded, motion carried.
- Camping was canceled due to wet and windy weather.
- An athletic group had inquired into possible rental of the lower level, but later canceled. Another daycare is scheduled to tour.

NEW BUSINESS

- Summer Bible School is not likely to happen this year due to lack of time to organize. We would still need to get teachers, curriculum, volunteers, etc. It will be tabled till the Council Retreat and in the meantime we need to talk to parents about what they would like to see happen. The goal is to do one in 2023. We can check with other churches who have run successful programs for ideas.
- The Dane County Landfill is trying to acquire part of the Yahara Hills Golf course for future use. We will have to watch the county meeting updates and look for conditional use permits. HLC should still be able to continue getting compensated even if the landfill closes and moves across Highway 12. Gary has 2 sources to get air quality testing done. Also, the State Bureau of Air Management may be able to monitor. Gregg will test again for radon. The ducts in the office will be cleaned in September
- Carol reported that for Stewardship that in May-June will be concentrating on Creation; July-August on Community, September-October on Church, and November-December on Christ.
- Pastor Beth will be emailing us dates to choose from for the Council Retreat and then we will pick a venue.
- Adult Ministry is sponsoring a hole for the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, which has 132 golfers signed up to participate on May 22. We will be promoting HLC with pens and brochures.
- The Ushers Meeting will be May 18 at 6:30 where teams, lead ushers, and head ushers will be chosen.
- The Historical Preservation Meeting will be held on May 11 at 6:30 to discuss where to display items and how to disburse numerous paper materials.
- Gary very STRONGLY stressed how important it is for ALL members and ministries to please put items back where they belong after you use them. Many areas are in severe disarray.
- We have money towards updating our website and a generous member of our congregation offered to add up to \$1,000 more to help towards it.
- The Post-It notes campaign will be discussed at the Council Retreat, where we can plan a definite focus on our progress. Gary will be going to the Synod to get ideas.

Pastor Beth made a motion to adjourn, Carol seconded, motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting ended at 8:00.

Submitted by Donna Niesen-Campbell, council secretary.