

Living Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023
6:30pm

1. Attendance: Jen Eason, Gary Myrah, Joe Georgeson, Brad LeDuc, Chris Lear, Andy Krueger, Patti Luedtke, Shannon Stoker
Guest: Cliff Pohlheber
2. Opening Prayer/Devotion
J. Eason led a discussion on good news in our lives, referenced Romans 10:14-15.
3. Living Hope/Here We Grow Storage update
C. Pohlheber updated the Council. The building permit for the smaller storage building has been approved by the Village, he is working on the electrical permits. Cliff will be meeting with the concrete contractor on Friday, plan is to cut through the asphalt to dig a trench for the electrical work. Cliff went to the lumberyard to order all the lumber including the siding, any unused product can be returned. Cliff and members of the congregation salvaged some lumber from the shed that was torn down (thank you Cliff and Jerry!). The concrete slab will be poured soon. Framing to potentially start in August. Cliff states he will be unavailable for approximately 2.5 weeks in July. The Council again thanks Cliff for all he has done!
4. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the Minutes of the 5/23/23 Council meeting as submitted was made by G. Myrah, seconded by J. Georgeson, motion approved.
Motion to approve the Minutes of the Ad Hoc meeting on 5/30/23 as submitted was made by J. Georgeson, seconded by G. Myrah, motion approved.
5. Financial Reports
J. Georgeson indicated that the financial reports for April and May are not available, the banks are experiencing software updates therefore statements are not available.

Update on Equipping the Saints: The total amount pledged to date is \$52,582; our commitment to the Greater Milwaukee Synod is 20% of funds collected. G. Myrah made a motion to send 20% of the amount collected each year to the Synod in December; this commitment is for the next 3 years. J. Georgeson seconded the motion, no further discussion, motion carried.

S. Stoker reminded the Council of our financial commitment to Lighthouse. J. Georgeson made a motion, A. Krueger seconded, to send to Lighthouse half of our commitment in June, the second half of our commitment in December. No discussion, motion carried.

6. Parking Lot project

The Council has received an updated bid from Payne & Dolan (see attachment). The base bid has increased since March, coating and backfill have remained the same. They will not asphalt the north turnaround.

A motion to approve the Payne & Dolan proposal of June 19, 2023, was made by C. Lear, seconded by G. Myrah. No further questions or discussion, motion carried. The proposal will be signed and returned to Payne & Dolan tomorrow.

7. Volunteer Reboot

Discussion regarding the volunteer needs for worship on Sunday. The Worship Life Committee has not been meeting, it was suggested when Pastor Daniel returns from leave to resume committee meetings to review services/song selection. Question if a song leader is needed and possibly combining the tasks of Greeter and Usher. Currently there are only 4 Readers (two from the same family), there will be services that a Reader is not available.

The Council decided that during the "Fall-Kickoff" we will have volunteer sign-ups available encouraging all families to participate in worship.

8. Church Hospitality/Evangelism

Discussion tabled until Pastor Daniel returns from leave.

9. Here We Grow Tax Credit

HWG is working on an employee retention tax credit with Innovations Refund Company. The next meeting with Innovations Refund is July 13th at 4:45; J. Georgeson, G. Myrah, and S. Stoker will attend the meeting.

10. New Business

There are two Living Hope accounts at Port Washington State Bank that need authorized signatures updated. G. Myrah made a motion, A. Krueger seconded, that the Living Hope Church Council hereby agrees that Joseph Georgeson and Jennifer Eason be authorized for signatures on Living Hope's accounts (xxxx0686 and xxxx0504) at Port Washington State Bank. No further discussion, motion carried.

Reminder that Pastor Daniel will attend a conference in Phoenix July 17-20. He will also be participating in a Lighthouse trip on August 20, Pastor Wendy will preach.

11. Next Meetings

The Joint Council will meet at Living Hope on Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.
Upcoming Living Hope Council meetings will be Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 29 (a week later than usual).

Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Luedtke