

Living Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023
6:30 pm

1. Attendance: Pastor Daniel Flucke, Jen Eason, Gary Myrah, Joe Georgeson, Chris Lear, Andy Krueger, Patti Luedtke, Shannon Stoker
2. Devotion: Gathering question, "How do we care for people in need?". Isaiah 58:10-11
3. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the Minutes of the 8-29-23 Council meeting as submitted was made by G. Myrah, seconded by A. Krueger, motion approved.
4. Pastor's Report
Pastor's report is available in the Google Shared drive.
Discussed Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29; J. Georgeson and G. Myrah are planning to make brats, J. Eason is planning to make chili. S. Stoker will email a Sign-up Genius to the congregation for all other items needed.
S. Stoker to work on door hangers, will need people to distribute.
Pastor suggested Christmas Eve morning (Sunday, 12/24) to gather for a service project, C. Lear volunteered to lead the project.
There will be a joint service on Christmas morning (Monday, 12/25) at Living Hope and a joint service on Sunday, December 31 at Christ the King.
Pastor thanked the Council for agreeing to flip service times on Sunday, November 19th so CTK can celebrate their 60th anniversary with Bishop Erickson and have a luncheon at noon following the service. Living Hope members are encouraged to attend the service. More details regarding the luncheon to follow.
A. Krueger and Pastor will be attending the Fall Leadership Conference.
5. Financial Report
 - a. J. Georgeson reviewed the financial report and notes for July, they are available in Google Shared Drive. A motion to approve the financial report as submitted was made by G. Myrah, seconded by A. Krueger, motion approved.
 - b. Designated Funds
The Council was given a list of designated funds to review. The Designated Funds account is at Port Washington State Bank along with an account for Scrip, all other funds are at the Kohler Credit Union. Discussed that all the funds should be located in one financial institution.
A motion was made by A. Krueger, seconded by G. Myrah to close the Designated Funds account and the Scrip account at the PWSB and open a new Designated Funds account and Scrip account at the Kohler Credit Union. Motion carried.

Further discussion included the distribution of the funds after the accounts are moved to the Kohler Credit Union. Preliminary discussion regarding the distribution of the funds as listed below, further discussion needed.

Amazon Smile	\$1232.92	Move to Reserve Fund
Carpet	50.00	Move to Reserve Fund
Evangelism	628.91	Move to General Fund
Good Samaritan	718.00	General Fund/report when used
Myrtle Otis Memorial	340.00	Talk with Deb Gilbertson
Memorials/Bequests	7643.58	Move to Reserve/Keep \$1000 in acct.
Miscellaneous	670.27	Move to Reserve Fund
Mt. Meru Coffee Project	238.20	Move to Reserve Fund
Sharing and Caring	103.02	Move to General Fund
Sign Fund	883.03	Move to Reserve Fund
Technology Fund	22.56	Move to Reserve Fund
Youth	3484.16	Use for Youth Gatherings, ie Quake
Total LH Designated Funds	\$16014.65	

c. Reserve Fund

The goal of the Reserve Fund is to have monies on hand for capital projects such as repairs/replacing large ticket items such as furnaces, carpeting, etc. Currently \$400.00 is deposited into this account on a monthly basis. Discussed if there should be a cap on the total in the fund, decision made to discuss further when the paving project is completed.

D. Overages on the water/sewer and paving project.

The spreadsheet for the projects is located in the Google Shared drive and will be updated as invoices are received. Further discussion is tabled until more work is completed and invoices received.

6. Church Musician

As previously discussed, Trinny Schumann is interested in the position of Church Musician. That role would include accompanying the worship services, being involved in worship planning including choosing hymns, assembling and working with an Adult Choir. Living Hope has a job description for Church Musician, S. Stoker will forward to Council members to review and make suggestions for updating. Also need to consider if the position should be salaried vs. an independent contractor. J. Eason will continue discussions with T. Schumann.

7. Construction Update

No further updates at this time.

Continued “thanks” to Cliff Pohlheber, Gerry Karrels, and Brad LeDuc for all the work they have done on the projects!

8. HWG Employee Retention Tax Credit

J. Georgeson will contact Josh Friesen to move forward on the Tax Credit. There was discussion that the Federal government may be “pausing” the program due to cases of fraud.

9. Next meeting will be a Joint Council Meeting on **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm at Christ the King**, LH Council will meet immediately after the Joint Council meeting.

10. Lord’s Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Luedtke