

Our Father's Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2023 7:00 PM

**Opened in prayer-** in attendance Wendy Gustafson, Shannon Sand, Jill Madsen, Lauren Johnson, Dan Schiller, Jody Bryant

**Internal Ministries:**

- Building & Grounds update from John Gilb (present)
  - a. Discussion of need for update to siding/roof/windows
  - b. Encouraged council & John to work with NH board to begin discussion regarding updating exterior along with addressing potential space needs for NourishingHOPE.
  - c. Discussion to work with NourishingHOPE committee to look into a fence to conceal distribution supplies. John to work with Brittni to discuss options.
  - d. Looking for volunteers to help John with building upkeep including pest prevention. Reminder that there is a tab on the website to submit building concerns
  - e. John to collect quotes for parking lot resurfacing/stripping and report back to council.
  - f. Discussion of church doors/office keys and people with access and ways to balance security and access. Wendy and Shannon to work with Melissa.
- Feedback on interim period
  - a. Generally, things are running smoothly. Discussion re: ongoing challenges with livestream. Will look into Youtube vs Zoom with paid coverage and accessibility. Continue to work on audio for ongoing audio issues. Wendy is actively seeking volunteers to help with this.
- Nourishing Hope-
  - a. Encourages volunteers to sign up ahead of time when possible. Continues to have high needs for boxes.
  - b. Submitted grant proposal to ELCA
- Education
  - a. VBS- planning in progress. Looking for more volunteers
  - b. Sunday School-planning in progress
    - i. Council approved change of Sunday School ages to preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- c. Engage & Confirm-planning in progress
  - i. Council approved change of E&C to start at 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Interim Period**

- Ministry Site Profile (Wayne Olfert present)
  - d. Council approved Ministry Site Profile with one change to a reference pending candidates agreement.
  - e. Council approved submitting MSP to the Synod and scheduling meeting with the Bishop.
- Interim Pastor- Wendy is in contact with 2 interim candidates and will schedule interviews to fill this role.
  - a. Council approved seeking a part time pastor.
  - b. Discussion on hourly pay approved. Estimate of weekly needs at 10 hours/week.
- Funerals- Peggy Kennedy- service held 6/3 Sarah Zender presided.
  - Curt Enger – service to be held 6/17 Sarah Zender will preside.
- Baptisms – on hold pending return calls from families that had previously requested them.

### **Finance:**

- Treasurer update to be posted in weekly bulletin. Encourage increases in giving as we move into the summer months. Promote the YETI campaign for increases in automated online giving
- Treasurer/bookkeeper transition- continuing to transition away from Clergy Financial to Brittini for bookkeeping needs.
- Give to the Max Funds – Funds were raised with plan of 50% to be used for building and grounds. Looking at parking lot resurfacing as a short term goal for using funds.

### **Other:**

- BSA council Representative – Wendy will fill this role while she is on council- BSA to be notified.
- Rockford River Days- Congregational Workshop Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm- Pam Hoekstra coordinating
- Upcoming meeting schedule- will adjust July meeting to July 18<sup>th</sup> due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Other items from council – Concern raised from Thousand Hearts Day conflicting with OFLC spring clean up. Wendy

has already spoken with Annette Tryon, John Gilb, and Brittni to prevent this in the future.

**Closed in devotion & prayer – Dan Schiller**

Upcoming council meeting schedule:

July 18, 2023

August 8, 2023 7:00 PM

September 12, 2023