

WLC STRATEGIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED		
Meeting:	April Church Council Meeting	Facilitator: Ann Baumann, President
Date:	4/11/2023	Minute taker: Janice Jones
Location:	online	
Start/End Time:	6:30AM - 08:30 AM	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION ITEMS
Call to order and quorum determination	Voting participants present: Ann Baumann, Sheryl Breiholz, Janice Jones, Charlie Wesser, Ross Gerber, Jason Frye, Todd Watanabe Voting participants not present: Wade Amundson Non-voting participants present: Pastor Tom Pfothenauer, Mark Stutelberg, Mike Ehnstrom	Action - motion made and passed that a quorum of voting members was present
Opening/Devotion/prayers:	Pastor Tom provided a brief recap of powerful and Spirit-filled Holy Week and Easter services. Between the three campuses over 3,000 people attended which was 300-400 more than 2022. He asked us to share experiences touched us. Many emotional and powerful stories were shared. We lifted a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.	
CONSENT AGENDA:	March minutes and March financial report	
Minutes:	March minutes were reviewed and approved.	Action: March minutes were approved.
Financials:	Total income was \$318,834. This was slightly less than budgeted but not of concern per Mark. Mark reviewed some aberrations in the expense section tied to Lent and Easter, timing of Workers Benefit Plan payments and snow removal. Said that even though our net ordinary income was in the red at -\$89,930, we're still in a good position when adjustment is made for the additional expenses noted above. Year-to-date income was \$880,516 which was just shy of the budgeted \$933,781. Year-to-date net income was -\$40,149 based on the aberrations noted above. From the Balance Sheet it was noted that \$800,000 was shifted from cash to a higher yielding, low risk fund at Schwab. \$56,000 was paid to the City of Woodbury in preparation for the Afton Road improvement project. Was taken out of the Long Term Capital Improvement fund.	Action: March financial report was approved.
DISCUSSION TOPICS	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome Mike Ehnstrom, Executive Director	Pastor Tom introduced Mike. He shared information regarding his background, family etc. There was brief discussion regarding how the transition and handoff process will be handled.	
Financial Deep Dive	Mark provided background and an overview of our financial management systems and processes at a high level. Noted that we have been blessed over the years with many dedicated volunteers. Shared details of a few, highlighting Mike Hunst in particular. Pastor Tom brought up Concordia Plans and expressed his gratitude with respect to the quality of benefits he, the rest of the staff and their families are blessed to have. Ann spoke for all Council members when she said she appreciates how WLC is intentional regarding sharing how financial gifts impact our ministries. Mike will be focusing a lot of attention on out of the chute on updating our giving tracking tools.	
Quarterly Reporting	Pastor Tom provided an update regarding in-person worship across all campuses. The prayer is to keep up the positive momentum. Baptisms are up too as are students engaged in Youth ministries. 46 children received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday - that is an increase over the prior couple of years as well. 56 students will be participating in summer mission trips. March Pizza with the Pastor gatherings saw large jumps in attendance as well with 37 adults plus children attending across all campuses.	
Overview of May agenda	Pastor Tom said that it is looking good that Vicer Daniel (soon be Pastor Daniel) will be joining us at WLC. If we are indeed blessed with his placement he will assume first-time guest, membership and hospitality responsibilities at the Valley Creek campus. We will have another Small Group push in the fall. Ann provided an overview of the agenda. Asked members to thoughtfully review Board policy manuals prior to the meeting and be prepared to discuss. Regarding our constitution, Pastor Tom will provide us with District requirements prior to the meeting as well. Other agenda topics to be prepared to discuss include emergency preparedness and our multi site strategy.	
INFORM TOPICS		
Senior Pastor's report:	We did not have time to review Pastor Tom's report. He asked that we read but noted that much of its contents were already covered above.	
Closing prayer	We closed in prayer.	
Closing	Meeting adjourned	Action - motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting times:	2023 council meeting times to be from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM on the second Tuesday of every month	
	Council agenda items based on policy manual perpetual calendar	
January	Present budget to congregation, Senior Pastor quarterly strategic update	
February	Review By-laws, Orientation of new council members, review council policies, resolution for sale of stock	
March	Review Endowment and make appropriate distributions	
April	Senior Pastor quarterly strategic update	
May	Annual council strategic retreat	
June	Senior Pastor performance review	
July	Senior Pastor annual and quarterly strategic update	
August	Council nominations, resolution for sale of stock	
September	Review Government regulations	
October	Budget narrative, Senior Pastor quarterly strategic update	
November	Review risk management and internal controls, preschool financial reporting - status update	
December	No items	