

WLC STRATEGIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED			
Meeting:	August Church Council Meeting	Facilitator:	Ann Baumann, President
Date:	8/8/2023	Minute taker:	Janice Jones
Location:	Online		
Start/End Time:	6:30AM - 10:30 AM		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION ITEMS	
Call to order and quorum determination	Voting participants present: Ann Baumann, Janice Jones, Charlie Wesser, Ross Gerber, Wade Amundson Voting participants not present: Evan Parkhurst Non-voting participants present: Pastor Tom Pfothenauer, Mike Ehnstrom	Action: motion made and passed that a quorum of voting members was present.	
Opening/Devotion/prayers:	Pastor Tom shared that the Autumn sermon series will focus on the spiritual practices side of our "Follow" theme - slowing down so we can do more of what Jesus did. He was never in a hurry; he prayed and was very intentional about building authentic, genuine relationships. Challenged us to do the same. We shared prayers together regarding how we might do this better and/or who we will focus on with more intention.		
CONSENT AGENDA:	July minutes and July financial report		
Minutes:	July minutes were reviewed and approved.	Action: July minutes approved.	
Financials:	July income was \$345,857 which was 11.2% of budget. 2023 YTD income was \$2,237,726 which was -0.1% of budget. July expenses were \$376,389 which was 9.2% of budget. 2023 YTD expenses were \$2,271,078 which was -1.8% of budget.	Action: July financial report approved.	
	Year-to-date 2023 net income was -\$33,352 as compared to -\$64,700 in 2023. Year-over-year net income increased by \$31,348. Other notable activity not reflected in July financials included: - IRS paid out Employee Retention Credit of \$94,650 - Insurance paid out claim for siding at Oak Hill campus of \$14,950. - July investment interest was \$3,458		
	Mike also provided details regarding current and pending projects/capital expenditures at the three campuses. Highlights included: - Oak Hill: excavating, roof, siding, windows, chairs - Wakota Ridge: courtyard improvements, chairs - Valley Creek: preschool upgrades		
INFORM/DISCUSS TOPICS	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION ITEMS	
EOS	Pastor Tom and Mike provided an overview of the operating system as well as the benefits WLC will realize once it is fully adopted. It will improve accountability, efficiencies and transparency to/for the Council, staff and congregation.		
Council Advisory Team/MAT Updates	Financial Advisory Team: Ann shared who is comprising the team and the relative strengths each brings to the table. Constitution & Policies MAT Charter: Ann shared a document that included team members, expected/desired outcomes, opportunities, timeline etc. Spiritual Health of the Church: This was a continuation of our previous discussions that included roles of Elders, etc. She addressed questions regarding how we define SH from a constitution as well as our Mission/Vision/Values. Spiritual health accountability resides with Council. As the Constitution and Board Policies are reviewed there is an opportunity to further refine and explore how best to support and maximize this important responsibility.		
Senior Pastor's Report	Highlights: - Dashboard: Pointed out that in-person attendance is increasing dramatically. - Future of the vicarage program: will discuss in more detail at a future meeting. - Reviewed highlights of the Global Leadership Summit most of the staff attended. Found it to be very beneficial. - Reiterated significance of some of the capital improvements taking place - especially with respect to the preschool. - Mission teams were back with gusto this summer. Tremendous experiences across the board. See Pastor Tom's written report for detailed overview.		
Migration to Planning Center	Joel Wetzstein joined us to provide an overview of this powerful church management tool and the benefits we will realize when fully integrated. He encouraged us to take the lead and serve as ambassadors during the rollout phase.		
Closing prayer	We closed in prayer.		
Closing	Meeting adjourned	Action: Motion made and passed to adjourn.	