

WLC STRATEGIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED		
<b>Meeting:</b>	June Church Council Meeting	<b>Facilitator:</b> Ann Baumann, President
<b>Date:</b>	6/13/2023	<b>Minute taker:</b> Janice Jones
<b>Location:</b>	Online	
<b>Start/End Time:</b>	6:30AM - 10:30AM	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
<b>Call to order and quorum determination</b>	<b>Voting participants present:</b> Ann Baumann, Janice Jones, Charlie Wesser, Ross Gerber, Evan Parkhurst, Wade Amundson <b>Voting participants not present:</b> Sheryl Breiholz, Todd Watanabe, Jason Frye <b>Non-voting participants present:</b> Pastor Tom Pfothenauer, Mike Ehnstrom	<b>Action:</b> motion made and passed that a quorum of voting members was present.
<b>Opening/Devotion/prayers:</b>	Pastor Tom walked us through "The Disciple Life" graphic and asked us to consider how we're "sitting" in the three areas. How are our hearts? What "fruit" are we seeing from and in ourselves? A few of us shared examples. We will be delving into this exercise more as a congregation, small groups, etc. in the coming months.	
<b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	May minutes and May financial report	
<b>Minutes:</b>	May minutes did not download to CCB so Council did not have an opportunity to review prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Ann and Pastor Tom would review post-meeting and either approve or update/correct as needed. Ann provided two edits post-meeting and both approved the minutes thereafter.	<b>Action:</b> May minutes approved.
<b>Financials:</b>	Total income was \$309,008 which was only slightly less than the budgeted \$317,978. Mike walked us through a few aberrations tied to the addition of Daniel Langewisch to staff and the resurrection of Mission Experiences that have been dormant in recent years. Year-to-date income was \$1,555,068 which was \$88,188 off from the targeted budget of \$1,643,257. Moving forward Mike will provide us with a summary document outlining the "budget story" for the prior month as well as prepare us for anything of significance in the month ahead. Mike will work one up for May and provide to Ann for review prior to our July meeting.	<b>Action:</b> May financial report approved.
<b>DISCUSSION TOPICS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION POINTS</b>	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>
<b>May Planning Meeting Follow-up Items</b>	<b>Role of Elders:</b> Pastor Tom and Wade met with the Elders at their monthly meeting. They walked them through the "Conversation About Elders" document we had reviewed during our May meeting. Sentiments shared were similar to Council's. They will spend June and July discussing with their respective campus teams - what's working, what can be better, etc. Will review feedback obtained over summer and put together a more formal plan/approach in the fall. <b>WLC Articles of Incorporation:</b> Ann said she will take responsibility for the MAT regarding. She will also work with Pastor Tom to decide who should be included in that group. She will provide edits and present to us at a future meeting.	<b>Actions:</b> <b>Role of Elders:</b> Reconvene to establish direction after summer campus team discussions take place. <b>WLC Article of Incorporation:</b> Establish MAT group; update document with edits.
<b>WLC Financial Guidance</b>	Pastor Tom and Mike have not yet had the opportunity to discuss this. Discussed establishing a Financial Advisory team. Would be an ongoing team vs. the MAT group. Pastor Tom sees it as more of a visionary team - one comprised of financial lay professionals that will do forecasting, take deep dives into our budget, expenditures and investments. Ann provided a shell of the team charter.	<b>Action:</b> Ross and Mike to take what Ann has started and expand it. They will provide recommendations at June meeting.
<b>INFORM TOPICS</b>		
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<b>Security follow-up:</b> Met with a representative from Protect His House. Provided an initial assessment of security improvement opportunities at the Valley Creek campus. They offer a free Active Shooter Awareness course for congregations. It was agreed that we would take advantage of this opportunity to partner with them. <b>Planning Center:</b> This is church management software that is proposed to replace the current CCB system and dashboard. Worship team already using. Would improve functionality and ease of use and cost \$25K less per year than CCB. Transition would be a challenge but Joel Wetzstein is an independent contractor for the company and is an experienced integrator. This would aid in the transition tremendously. <b>Projects:</b> Oak Hill: Plan to make decision regarding roofing, window and siding contractor within next month. Land project: Has received bids in the \$70 range. Getting close to moving forward with this project. Working to transition nursery space. Valley Creek: Building a video studio for all announcements, etc. Will consolidate and confine preschool activities to the north side of the building. Will not use the Genesis space any longer. Receiving bids for bathrooms and doors. Also receiving HVAC quote to replace the original boiler. Wakota Ridge: Moving Kid's Link upstairs and nursery to Courtyard room. Receiving bids for courtyard renovation. Going to renovate narthex area and move the Connection Center to the current office area. All campuses: Installing new announcement/communication screens. Will allow Kandi to manage all communication consistently and simultaneously.	
<b>Sr. Pastor's Report/Dashboard</b>	Daniel Langewisch will be ordained and installed July 16. He is eager to begin his ministry at the VC campus. Bethany Meyer is now full-time and working well with Brad Miller on missions and discipleship. Will create a local "reach team" at each campus. Pastor Tom is grateful for the great work Mike Ehnstrom is doing out of the chute. Summer Night Out is one week away. Encouraged engagement. Will review post-event to determine cost/benefit. We have qualified for ~\$82K from the Employee Retention Credit. Anticipates receiving this fall. Next Gen: Gave a shout-out to Lindsey Schmidt. She's doing a great job with her team. Mission trips are in full swing. EOS: Is a complete church operating system. Will enable staff to see goals in a more structured manner. Will delve into more at next meeting. In-person worship is growing across all campuses. There is work to do with respect to measuring our reach with respect to first-time guests. This will be a focus for Daniel. We have had 20 baptisms in the last four weeks.	

	See Pastor Tom's written report for additional detail.	
<b>Closing prayer</b>	We closed in prayer.	
<b>Closing</b>	Meeting adjourned	<b>Action:</b> Motion made and passed to adjourn.