

WLC STRATEGIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Meeting: November 2023 Church Council Meeting **Facilitator:** Ann Baumann
Date: 11/14/2023 **Minute taker:** Janice Jones
Location: Online

Start/End Time: 6:30 - 8:30 AM

AGENDA ITEM

DISCUSSION POINTS

ACTION ITEMS

Call to Order/Quorum

Voting participants present: Ann Baumann, Jason Frye, Sheryl Breiholz, Wade Amundson, Janice Jones, Charlie Wesser, Ross Gerber

Action: Meeting called to order.

Voting participants not present: Todd Watanabe, Evan Parkhurst

Action: Quorum present

Non-voting participants present: Pastor Tom, Mike Ehnstrom

Opening/Devotion/Prayer Pastor Tom opened our meeting with a time of devotion, reflection and prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

October minutes were reviewed and approved.

Action: 11/23 Minutes approved

Financial Highlights

October income was \$329,213 which was greater than budgeted income by \$7,945 (2.47%)

Action: 11/23 Financials approved

Mike Ehnstrom

YTD income was \$3,164,756 which was greater than budgeted YTD income by \$26,617 (0.85%)

October expenses were \$349,836 which were greater than budgeted expenses by \$1,095 (-0.31%)

YTD expenses were \$3,285,582 which were less than budgeted YTD expenses by \$92,393 (-2.74%)

YTD net income was -\$120,826 as compared to 2022 YTD net income of -\$89,371

Balance sheet: Total liabilities and equity as of 10/31/2023 = \$11,405,810.67

Commentary:

- WLC received an estate gift in the amount of \$321,000. This was added to the balance sheet; awaiting allocation.
- Attended a probate court proceeding re WLC being a 30% beneficiary of an irrevocable trust.
- Mike clarified line item expenses associated with computer hardware/software and contracted fee (EOS & FPM).
- Mike also highlighted significant capital expenditures associated with each of the three campuses.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

2024 Planning

2024 Budget:

Pastor Tom
Mike Ehnstrom
Ann Baumann

- Pastor Tom and Mike walked Council through nuances of initial budget draft.
- Several questions addressed. It is still a work in progress but is almost complete.
- Updated draft will be reviewed with Financial Advisory Team week of November 20 and again with Council during 12/12 meeting.
- Finalized version will then be prepared for January congregational meeting.

EOS Planning Process:

- Mike walked us through the Accountability Chart draft. Sought and received feedback.
- Discipleship is the core theme throughout the vision and long-term plan.
- Goal is to finalize by 12/11.

Ministry Action Team (MAT) Reports

Financial Advisory Team:

Action: Motion was made and seconded to name Ross Gerber as WLC Council Treasurer

Ann Baumann

Treasurer Role

- Ann suggested that we revitalize the Treasurer role to a more active/engaged position. Given Ross Gerber's background and role on the Financial Advisory Team, it was suggested that he assume responsibility for this position. All agreed. Motion was made and seconded to formalize this decision.

Constitution and Policies:

Service, Care and Spiritual Support

- Ann thanked all who were able to convene virtually on 11/9 to review initial concept draft of this proposed expanded ministry. Ann and Wade will present to the Elders on 11/21.
- Worship Host Team (think *inside* the sanctuary) would be a new ministry in addition to the Hospitality team (think *outside* the sanctuary).
- Pastor Daniel is working on hospitality leads at each campus as well as adding more uniform structure across all campuses.

Senior Pastor's Report

Time did not allow for Pastor Tom to review highlights from his report. He asked that we read on our own.

Action: Read Sr. Pastor's Report

Closing Prayer

Council closed in prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

Action: Motion made & passed to adjourn.