

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 27, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Jan Ferguson at 5:30 p.m.

Forum Time:

- Brian Meinen — Precision Roadway Services, Osakis / Property Committee gave a presentation on the needs of the parking lot and the company's proposal to remedy the problems.
- Brad Forbrook— the fire alarm system needs to be updated to stop the excessive numbers of false alarms being sent. The problem is incompatibly with the present phone system.

Devotions: Pastor Nate led a devotion on Matthew 28:1-7. The women at the tomb are told by the angel to come and see the empty tomb; they then are told to go and tell the others. So are we to "come and see" and then "go and tell" the news of Jesus.

Members Present: *Erling Berger, Carolyn Brewster, Todd Domine, Ken Elvehjem, Jan Ferguson, Laverne Floen, David Moeller, Pastor Nate Hanson (ex officio), Paul Johnson, Treasurer (ex officio).*

Members Absent: *Doyle Polson, Bruce Wymore.*

Reports:

1. Secretary's Minutes: **The minutes of the March 23 meeting were approved as printed.**
2. Treasurer's Financial Reports: **Motion David Moeller/Laverne Floen to accept the financial reports. M/C.**
3. Pastor's Report: Pastor Nate reported that there are plans for midweek worship during the summer with Pastor A.J. Kluver, Pastor Mike Hanson, and Pastor Nate Hanson. Pastor Hanson reported he did not apply for the position at LWLC because he felt he did not fit the congregation's vision; he is not retiring but moving to where God has a place for him; we need someone else for our congregation; he and Ruth will be seen at our services if he is not elsewhere; most importantly, he came as an interim and will leave as an interim when we call a pastor.
4. Committee Liaisons:
 - Youth Education Committee: Kids Corner will be the first Sunday of the month; VBS students will be making grab-bags and have a picnic; exploring adding step stools for the restrooms for child use; having hang out time for youth in summer school on Wednesday nights from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; on May 9 there will be a temple talk about this program, and a signup sheet for volunteers will be available. On May 9 or 13 there will be a meeting for the volunteers who signed up.
 - Discussion of ads in local paper. We need to get the word out: "We are open and we sing."
5. Call Committee report: Gaylen Lerohl reported several resumes and letters of interest have been received; the committee has begun preparing for interviews after all paperwork and background checks are completed. They ask for prayers for the Call Committee as it continues the process of calling a new pastor and to be guided in its search by the Holy Spirit.

Old Business:

1. Church Parking Lot: **Motion David Moeller/Ken Elvehjem to support the project with the Property Committee handling the details. M/C.**
2. Fire Alarm System: **Motion David Moeller/Todd Domine to update the fire alarm system. M/C.**
3. The Special Offering during Holy Week gave Mt. Carmel and Love, INC – \$792.50 each
4. Hymn Sing was very successful with 45 people from around the area.
5. LWLC goals ask us to increase participation in activities, have after school activities, and work with area LCMC congregations in cooperative endeavors.

New Business:

1. Augustana District Delegate: **Motion Ken Elvehjem/Laverne Floen to replace John Brewster with Steve Ferguson as our delegate to the Augustana District Convention. M/C**

Announcements:

1. May 1 – Augustana District Convention
2. May 4, 11, 18 – Spring Adult Bible Study - "Lost & Found, Lost in Ourselves and Found in Christ", 6:30-8:00 p.m.
3. May 6 – Blood Drive, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

May Meetings

- Executive Committee: May 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
- Council: May 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

David Moeller, Council Secretary