



**VISION COUNCIL  
September 27, 2016  
7:00 pm, Rec Room  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Terry Kemmer, Shawn Nygaard, Catie Herman, Sue Schaffer, Jessica Burhans, Chris Malecka, Nathan Mork, LeAnn Mouw, Pastor John Simonson, Susie Reitmeier. **Absent:** Ted Heisserer, Carrie Johnston, Pastor Dave Peterson.

**Opening Prayer**

- 1) Call meeting to order – Terry Kemmer  
Terry welcomed everyone.
- 2) Devotions – Pastor John
- 3) Consent Agenda / Correspondence / Additions to Agenda
  - a. Additions to agenda
    - i. Added under Unfinished Business – g. Vision 2020
    - ii. Added under Finished Business – d. #7 Susie’s Report – Solar Gardens, e. Adopt-a-Highway, f. Church Constitution & By-Laws change
  - b. Catie moved to approve agenda with additions. Nate seconded. All approved.
- 4) Approval of September 2016 Minutes
  - a. Shawn moved to approve the minutes as written. Sue seconded. All approved.
- 5) Officer Reports:
  - a. Financial ... Treasurer’s – Sue reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Catie moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Nate seconded. All approved.
- 6) No Team Reports
- 7) Unfinished Business:
  - a. Status of call process – Terry, Chris & Catie conducted reference checks and had very positive responses, background check is in process, postcards will go out to members announcing a Special Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, October 16 at 12 noon to vote on extending a call to a new part-time pastor.
    - i. Shawn moved to recommend to the congregation to extend a call to Rachel Simonson. Jessica seconded. Discussion was held. Approved – 9 yes, 1 abstained.
  - b. Capital Campaign – discussion held on what to do with the over and above money received. Keep on agenda for further discussion.
  - c. Funding requests – Pastor John presented ELCA & NW MN Synod requests. Keep on agenda for further discussion.
  - d. Anniversary Gift – no further discussion held
  - e. Vision 2020 – Church Constitution states we need to develop a strategic plan and this is the name of the formal planning process of what the church will look like in 2020

- f. that will be starting soon. On Sunday, October 16 during the adult education time any interested members will be invited to learn more about Vision 2020.

8) New Business

- a. Discussion held on how the VC & Capital Team should be involved in the shredding of the mortgage on November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>. The VC to continue to think about how to incorporate this during the church services.
- b. Visional Think Aouts – discussion by VC.
- c. Update Employee Handbook – Personnel Committee submitted recommendations to VC on updating employee handbook. Shawn moved to approve. LeAnn seconded. Discussion held. All approved.
- d. #7 Susie's Report – City of Detroit Lakes has plans to establish a Solar Community Garden with the purpose of generating green energy for our community. Customers can purchase up to six panels for \$975 per panel to be a part of the project. The goal is to have a minimum of 70 panels to start this project with the deadline of October 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor John moved to approve the purchase of one panel. Nate seconded. Discussion held. Motion approved – 7 yes; 2 no.
- e. Adopt-a-Highway – Terry presented a couple of options for the church to continue involvement of this program, 1) keep at current location by WE Fest on Cty Hwy 22, or 2) new location north on Hwy 59. The commitment is a 2-year contract with clean up in the fall and spring of the year. This is a good community project for our congregation and youth. Shawn moved to renew at current location by WE Fest for 2 more years. LeAnn seconded. Discussion held. All approved.
- f. Terry mentioned that the Church Constitution and By-Laws will need to be updated in the future due to recommendation at the ELCA Convention. More to come on this.

- 9) Recognition of blessings to our church family. Several people and groups were mentioned to receive recognition and thanks.