



**VISION COUNCIL**  
**07.25.23**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Gail Colby, Paula Schulz, Carla Solem, Pastor Lauryl, Paul Haarstick, Scott Sonstegaard, Tom Neuenfeldt, Pastor Joe, Catharine Weisenberger (Absent: Deann, Tanner, Erin, Jon)

**Opening prayer:** Lord, Source of All Our Strength, support each of us in this meeting that is now beginning. Grant us the courage to be open to each other and to not be fearful of the new and different. Strengthen us with a willingness to risk for the sake of Your Kingdom. It is our wish, Lord and God, that the true business of this meeting be our spiritual transformation and not simply the accomplishment of tasks and projects. We ask this of You as we now begin, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Call meeting to order** – Gail C.

**Devotions** – Scott S.

**Consent Agenda/Correspondence/Additions to Agenda:**

- (1) Approval of June 20, 2023 VC Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Carla, Seconded by Catherine, and All in favor.
- (2) Approval of June 29, 2023 Email Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Tom, Seconded by Carla, and all in favor.
  - a. Amend the minutes to update “Not Voting” by adding Erin, Catherine, Gail to account for all members. Motion to approve made by Scott, Seconded by Tom, and All in favor.
- (3) Approval of July 10, 2023 Email Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Catherine, Seconded by Tom, and All in favor,
- (4) Staff Reports: Pastor Joe, Pastor Lauryl, Business Manager Paul
  - a. Scott initiated discussion/questions on Business Manger Report regarding the standard operating procedures with allocation of surplus funds with regards to transparency and approval. Paul will discuss with Auditors for recommendations.
- (5) Additions to Agenda
  - a.

**Team Reports:**

- (1) Personnel
  - a. Meet and Greet for candidate for Youth and Family Ministry Director is on August 8.
- (2) Building & Grounds
  - a. Reviewed Building and Grounds Meeting report from July 9, 2023.
- (3) Stewardship
  - a. Tom presented Quarterly Giving – 5 yr. comparison, Quarterly Actual vs. Budget vs. General Fund Giving, Monthly Patter of Giving, Giving by Method, Giving by Family, and Actual Expenses/Giving Budget Comparisons.

- b. Tom discussed gathering stories of giving time and self over the next quarter to share and promote stewardship.

(4) Social Justice/Creation Care

- a. Creation care is discussing an event for families to make steppingstones on August 13 and have the Electric Vehicle event coming August 12.

**Unfinished Business:**

- (1) Still developing Dream Big Committee
- (2) Personnel committee still has an opening
- (3) Outline for safety plan from Mark Solem
  - a. VC approves Mark to proceed with plan as presented

**New Business:**

- (1) VC Vacancy when Scott S moves in September
  - a. Scott makes motion to fill vacancy with Steve Fode, Seconded by Catherine, and All in favor.
- (2) Lake Ave Update

**Financial Treasurer's Report: Tom**

- (1) June's income was \$43,826.47 which is (\$18,860.96) under the income budget. June's expenses were \$66,571.30 which is \$11,260.51 over the expense budget. The YTD cash fund balance is \$82,223.47. We ended the month with a grand total cash balance of \$466,915.11.
  - a. Motion to Accept/Approve treasurer's report made by Scott, Seconded by Paula, and All in favor.

**Recognition of blessings in our church family**

Mark Solem – putting together the Safety Plan  
Karen Bimberg – special music at worship  
Nathan Olson – continued leadership and contributions

**Motion for Adjournment**

Motion made by Tom, Seconded by Catherine. All in favor.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Vision Council: 08/22/23  
Devotions/Dinner: Paula