



VISION COUNCIL
09.27.22
5:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Gail Colby, Tanner Duncan, Tom Neuenfeldt, Nathan Olson, Carla Solem, Pastor Joe, Pastor Lauryl, Scott Sonstegaard, Paul Haarstick, Erin Erickson, Todd Gaard

Absent: DeAnne Udby

Meeting minutes taken by Gail Colby and Nathan Olson.

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 – Nathan O.

Devotions – Tom

Consent Agenda/Correspondence/Additions to Agenda:

(1) Approval of August 23, 2022 VC Meeting Minutes with spelling corrections of Becky Arneson-Readel and Cindy Brufloft's names by Gail C. Seconded by Tanner D.

(2) Staff Reports: Pastor Joe, Pastor Lauryl, Business Manager Paul

- a. Joe-provided constitution update, need to have a motion to adopt it as a congregation. Joe will touch base with constitution committee and highlight changes, then send out to VC. Program year back in swing, numbers are strong, engagement is strong, attendance on Wednesday has been around 160-172. Can be tough getting meal, service, education done in 2 hours. Trying to be quick, but not hurried.
- b. Pastor Lauryl highlighted the number of visitors in crisis that our office staff have helped.
- c. Paul-discussed Positive Pay with Bremer bank to help increase security on check issuance. Logging credit card charges as they happen now, not when they are paid. Now using a new payroll provider, Patriot Software, as of Oct. 15 payroll. This will hopefully save us thousands. Resolution to select Portico Gold + Benefit Option for the rostered ministers employed by FLC for the calendar year 2023.

(3) Additions to Agenda

- a. Nate would like to add Service Fair to the agenda

Team Reports:

(1) Personnel - None

(2) Building & Grounds

- a. HVAC bids out as of 9-26-22

- b. Parking lot \$91,000 from Howard's Driveway. Scott has some info on parking lot work. Robert Strand would give a bid in the Spring to do parking lot. Holes exiting the parking lot need to be repaired before winter. Robert Strand agrees we don't need to mill up the entire lot. Should put pad at dumpster, and fix both holes in parking lot. Hopefully the holes could be fixed before winter. Joe Pihlaja/Jeff Murphy could possibly help with this.
- c. Energy audit was done a few years ago, by Bright Energy Solutions (City of Detroit Lakes). No record of what was done. Jeff may know what has been done. Buildings and grounds can work on future. Todd thinks if we look at our temperature settings throughout the building and help improve some blinds on the South Side. HVAC may possibly be available for rebates.

(3) Stewardship – None

(4) Social Justice/Creation Care

- a. Electric Car event Oct. 15, book study going on with good attendance-Paul Douglas with WCCO speaker and coauthor, and also speaking on Oct 15.

Unfinished Business:

(1) Congregational Audit

- a. RFP sent out to 8 different firms, only 3 responded. Now one of the 3 withdrew. So now down to 2. Still working on details of which audit type to go with.

New Business:

(1) Portico Benefit Selection

- a. The language in the resolution is sufficient, Tom 1st Carla 2nd

(2) Service fair

- a. Nate O will do a table at all services and dress as a Fabulous dinosaur. No motions was made but all approved.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: Tom

(1) Tom highlighted report. Scott S. made a motion to approve, Seconded by Erin E. Motion passed.

(2) Edits to treasures report needs to be: mentions of July changed to Aug, except last Dedicated accts cash balance, that can stay 1-Jul-22.

Recognition of blessings in our church family

Kathy Larson- being our choir director after retiring from the High School music teacher.

Motion for Adjournment-Gail 1st, Scott 2nd

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Leadership: Virtually

Vision Council: 10/25/22

Devotions/Dinner: Erin Erickson