

**Hawley Lutheran Church**  
Vision Council Minutes  
*October 16, 2023, 6:00pm*

**Call to order:** President Katie Lowry

**Present:** Chelsea Anderson, Laurie Boeshans, Jane Eklund, Katie Lowry, Pastor Andrea Paulson, Josh Proski, Mark Redepenning, Josh Salber

**Absent:** Cindy Byklum, Gerry Kluck, Dylan Olson

**Guest:** Tiff Fossen

**Opening Prayer:** Chelsea Anderson

**Approval of Agenda:** Chelsea made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark. Mark made a motion to add the budget summary update, seconded by Josh S, motion passed. Agenda approval motion passed.

**Approval of September minutes:** Motion to approve made by Laurie, seconded by Jane. Motion passed.

**Finance report:** Josh Proski

- September - Revenue: \$24,069.63; Expenses: \$24,199.76; Net: -\$130.13
- YTD – Revenue: \$251,995.85; Expenses: \$291,267.38; Net: -\$39,271.53
- Balances – Checking: \$46,953.23; Fulfilling the Vision: \$66,213.62; Memorials: \$146,962.77
- 2023 Steamer Hill final report: profited \$14,406.91
- Received a \$160,000 insurance claim check (cosmetic damage to the metal roof and A/C unit damage from this summer's hail storm) which was deposited in the Now is the Time Account. Property Team will be asked for their recommendation on how to proceed with the roof and A/C unit.
- Mark Haugen is working on contacting the church in Nicaragua to determine need for the money intended for the Nicaragua mission held by HLC.
- There is a need for weekly offering counters. Two of the three current counters are stepping down.
- To discuss at November's Vision Council meeting: which account the office refresh costs should come out of

**Open Forum/Guest:** Tiff Fossen

- Shared updates on internet provider change, food logistics for Tunk or Treat and 125<sup>th</sup> celebration, recommended looking at an external third party for payroll due to workload on the part-time financial treasurer's position, offered support of the Vision Council. Vision Council expressed their appreciation for Tiff (and Carly).

### **Old Business:**

1. Internet provider update
  - a. Contract has been signed to switch to Midco.
  - b. Related technology update: Looking at ending the contract with Corp Tech following recent issues affecting ProPresenter. They may be in breach of contract following that issue. Office staff is looking at replacement tech support/service providers.
2. Personnel/Call Team Job Description – no update since last meeting
3. Nominating Committee/Policy
  - a. Chelsea has reached out to Maggie Walker from nominating committee, awaiting response.
  - b. Chelsea and Katie will work on meeting with the nominating committee to develop a clear nominating process.

### **New Business:**

1. Team Reports
  - a. Now is the Time – many pledge cards are still outstanding; plan to provide reminders in church to turn in pledge cards
  - b. Property – no report
  - c. Personnel – will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after church; made recommendations on pay for the budget
  - d. Christian Education – prepped their budget recommendations; reviewed third grade Bibles and CREW hayride; upcoming Christmas program
  - e. Outreach – would like to do a bazaar in conjunction with the Hawley Art Show weekend – they have the Council’s blessing and will just need to coordinate with the church staff on space, dates, etc.
  - f. Worship – Christmas Eve services at 4:00pm and 5:30pm (no morning service) – times selected to “meet people where they’re at” so members and their families will be more likely to attend services that day; October 29 – 9:30am regular service celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary + 11:30am Confirmation service

### **Staff Reports:** Pastor Andrea Paulson

- So busy recently, but so fulfilling – a lot of “Yay, God!” moments – Pastor Andrea has had a lot of great faith talks with confirmands
- A lot of interest in the summer 2024 Alaska mission trip
- Confirmation program has hit its stride.

### **2024 Budget Update:** Josh Prososki

- Has all the information he needs from the various teams and Council.
- Goal is to finish it on 10/18/23 and he will send draft budget to Council via email. Hope is to send it out in the November newsletter for the congregation to review – Council will decide if it’s ready to go out after reviewing it via email.
- Council would like to see updates on monthly contributions/expenses/2023 budget standing in bulletin for the remainder of the year.

- November 12 – Josh S will talk about finances during church service

**Dates to Remember:**

- No Wednesday worship – 10/18
- Trunk or Treat – 10/25 – 5:30-6:30pm community dinner + 6:00-7:00pm Trunk or Treating
- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration – 10/29 – 9:30am service with cupcakes and fellowship to follow
- Confirmation – 10/29 – 11:30am service
- Pastor Darwin Appreciation – TBD
- November Vision Council meeting – 11/21 – 6:00pm

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Josh S. to adjourn, seconded by Mark. Motion passes.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Andrea Paulson

*Respectfully submitted, Laurie Boeshans*