

Hawley Lutheran Church
Vision Council Minutes
Tuesday July 18, 2023, 6:00pm

Call to Order: President Katie Lowry

Present: Gerry Kluck, Mark Redepenning, Chelsea Anderson, Laurie Boeshans, Jane Eklund, Pastor Andrea Paulson, Cindy Byklum, Katie Lowry, Josh Sabler, and Josh Proski

Absent: All present

Opening Prayer: Laurie Boeshans

Approval of Agenda: Mark made a motion to approve the July agenda, seconded by Chelsea. Motion approved.

Approval of June Minutes: A motion was made to approve minutes as written with financials added, email them for approval, Cindy made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Laurie. Motion approved.

- Cindy to add June financials and send to Andrea to post on website

Open Forum/Guest: None

1) Old Business:

- a. Call Team Update
 - i. Katie sent an email to the team for an initial kick off meeting Tuesday, July 25th 6:00 pm
 - ii. Darwin asked who the council representative is on the call team- discussed having a liaison/shared responsibility – will discuss in further after the first meeting
 - iii. First 2 meetings goal is to get the position summary documented
- b. Council Retreat Continuation
 - i. Strategies- Staffing & Communication (3 yr plan)
 1. Call team for pastor care
 2. Staffing
 3. Work life balance/Vacation
 4. Being able to delegate
 5. Intentional Check in's (1 yr)
 6. Review Job Description's etc.
 7. Music team (5 yr)
 - ii. Move Communication to August

2) Finance Report: Josh Proski

Revenue for the month of June \$19,154.38; Monthly Expenses \$30,582.71; Net -\$11,428.33; Checking Balance \$60,550.41; FTV \$69,694.27; Memorials \$117,296.89; Loans \$. YTD Revenue \$179,983.61; YTD Expenses \$205,458.44; YTD Net -\$25,474.83

- a. City bill now on budget

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- b. Checking account closed for Altar Guild
- c. If you want to give for memorials, you will be prompted to add a comment
- d. Larger donations coming in for Rise up- new budget category set up
- e. Look at alternative ways of giving- Venmo, PushSave?, QR code (text to give)
 - i. Currently envelopes and on-line giving, text to give
 - ii. Idea to send out a blast email regarding on-line giving, make them aware of Now compared to General
 - 1. Josh P. will put together an email that could be shared “how to give on-line” and how important it is
 - 2. Cindy and Katie to view Venmo video from Calvary
 - iii. Look at discussing WMSTR budget account vs Orange and Kids ministry- could we look at putting these funds together? (Mark, Vicki, Tim, and Andrea WMSTR team) Andrea to discuss with team.
- f. Look for a date for budgeting

3) **New Business:**

- a. Checking Accounts-
 - i. Closing of Parish Ed checkbook (Bell #1193)- funds have been moved to the memorials Chelsea and Josh S
 - ii. Next up fulfilling the vision account
 - iii. Altar guild – now closed
- b. Internet Provider- look at options
 - i. Parish Ed meeting- need adequate internet coverage for our ministries
 - 1. Currently use CenturyLink
 - 2. Shop around to Midco and Arvig (1G)
 - 3. Have Carlie do the research and decide
 - a. Look at having a Guest and a Dedicated, upgrade routers etc.
- c. Rally Day Planning-Sept 10th/Organization/Delegate Duties
 - i. Chili cookoff- use sign up genius
 - 1. Prize
 - ii. Council to provide all the chili fixings
 - iii. Root beer floats
 - iv. Social media post, announcement at church, email, kids’ ministry flier, post card/schedule
 - v. “Ministry Festival” or other ideas - tables- email team leads in ministry; Pastor Andrea ask team for listing for tables
 - vi. Put together a guide outlining the “tables”
 - vii. Laurie B and Jane E will facilitate Rally Day
- d. Fall Kids/Confirmation/Worship Schedule and Update
 - i. Kickoff is 9/10 and 9/13 (worship and confirmation)
- e. Family Meeting/Financial Recap- Josh S.

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- i. After Rally Day – October

- f. Identify New Council Members – January Election (provide bios prior to voting)
 - i. Elaine, Jerry, and Cindy will be rolling off
 - ii. Maggie Walker and Lindsay Pederson volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Nelaina Dagget would be on it also- Katie will reach out to her.
 - iii. Bio and a “why” would be nice to have for those wanting or voted to come on
 - iv. October for choosing new members with a “yes”, November to communicate to congregation and voting at annual meeting

- g. Team Reports if applicable- team assignments.
 - i. Property- hole in the ceiling in the dining room, will be looking at getting it fixed
 - ii. Out Reach- no meeting
 - iii. Christian Ed-reviewed feedback from VBS (what went well and what can go better), discussed how we can restructure Wednesday night school
 - iv. Worship- no meeting
 - v. Personnel- no meeting
 - vi. Now is the Time- Jon will talk at church on Wednesday at Mid-Summer Night, Sermon series

4) Staff Report

- a. Pastor Andrea getting for fall, WMSTR- met with Mark and Vicki, getting call committee going and know it will take time, getting ready for confirmation

5) Dates To Remember:

- a. Mid-Summer Night- 7/19
- b. Andrea NE Out for Ordination- 8/4-8/6
- c. August Council Meeting 8/15
- d. WMSTR- 9/1 – 9/4
- e. Rally Week 9/10
- f. Meeting w/ Calvary- 10/6
- g. 125th Anniversary 10/29

6) Adjournment – Motion made by Gerry and 2nd by Cindy

7) Closing Prayer