

HAWLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
VISION COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday March 21st 2023, 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: President Katie Lowry

ROLL: Katie Lowry, Chelsea Anderson, Josh Salber, Laurie Boeshans, Gerry Kluck, Dylan Olson, Mark Redepenning, Pastor Andrea Paulson, Josh Prososki. **ABSENT:** Cindy Byklum, Jane Eklund.

OPENING DEVOTION: Chelsea Anderson: Colossians 3: 12-13

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mark Redepenning made a motion to approve the March agenda, seconded by Gerry Kluck. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Laurie Boeshans made a motion to approve February minutes, seconded by Josh Salber. Motion approved.

FINANCE REPORT: Josh Prososki

- I. Revenue for the month of February was \$23,143.35; Monthly Expenses=\$31,692.23; Net=-\$8,548.88; Checking balance as of 2/28/2023=\$76,393.43; FTV balance=\$64,205.38; Memorials balance=\$123,971.96; **Loan=\$99,470.99 YTD** Revenue=\$62,553.41; YTD Expenses=\$71,978.36; YTD Net=-\$9,424.95
 - A. Work is being done to close the service group account very soon and the parish account by the end of May.
 - B. Discussion about bigger net loss this month due to monthly giving being low (canceled church), Wednesday meal revenue loss (canceled Wed eve activities), office refresh/paint/etc.

OPEN FORUM/GUEST: None

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Council Retreat:
 - A. Date set: April 30th 2023, time and place TBD. Will be including Pastor Hans Dahl from Calvary Lutheran Church for idea sharing. Possibility of group service project after formal meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Closing Church/Inclement Weather Policy: discussion regarding church closing due to inclement weather, poor travel conditions, matching school closing, forecast monitoring, or major school/community events. Draft policy to be formed and discussed further.
- II. HLC/HLS Partnership Update: Pastor Micah of HLS will continue to use open office space in Hawley Lutheran. Pastor Andrea and Pastor Micah will cover each other this summer for time off that each of them will need. Opportunities for partnership with youth ministry/confirmation.
- III. Team Reports
 - A. *Capital Steering Team* - Meeting planned for April 3rd with Pastor Hans Dahl of Calvary Lutheran to discuss growth, fundraising and support opportunities.
 - B. *Property* - Brainstorming ideas to raise money.
 - C. *Personnel* - Conducting staff reviews. Personnel are also continuing discussions with Pastor Darwin on what the future of pastoral care will look like. They had a

meeting with HLS leadership to talk about what an ongoing partnership may entail.

- D. *Mission* - March is MN Foodshare Month (food bags and donation envelopes will be distributed on Wednesdays and Sundays).
- E. *Christian Ed* - Plans for Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt, and Resurrection Tree decoration underway as well as End of Year Youth Ministry Celebration on 5/17. Discussion/planning for VBS and Orange Conference. Survey creation for youth families information gathering.
- F. *Worship* - Holy week planning

STAFF REPORTS: Pastor Andrea - planned time off in July (medical)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- I. Capital Steering/Calvary Meeting: April 3rd, 6PM
- II. Next Vision Council Meeting - April 18th, 6PM / Hosted by Josh Salber
- III. Council Retreat: April 30th, time TBD
- IV. VBS: June 11th-16th, 6-8PM

FUTURE DISCUSSION/TABLED TOPICS:

- I. Church Closing Policy
- II. Orange Conference
- III. Mid Summers Night/Picnic
- IV. WMSTR
- V. Meeting with Calvary Oct. 6th
- VI. Senior Recognition 5/21
- VII. Rally Week/125th Anniversary

ADJOURNMENT- Gerry Kluck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Laurie Boeshans. Motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER - Pastor Andrea and Lord's Prayer

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