

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2023

Present: Cynthia Cantelon, Shirley Forwell, Linda Harvey, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen,
Pastor Terry Richardson, Ray Schultz, Audrey Strauss, Randi Turner

Absent: Peter Clark, Doug Roszmann

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda. In addition to the items listed, add 'Discerning the Way Forward Together' under New Business
Motion to approve the agenda/s/c.
3. Minutes of previous meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2022/s/c.
4. Pastor's Report. Council members discussed how we could be of assistance in connecting our church members as many are experiencing loss, especially since Covid. Post-Covid depression is taking a toll on emotional health in society.
Motion to receive the report/s/c.
5. Executive Report
 - a. Church Policy D-001 Ministry through Financial Stewardship. Discussed seeking approval to change the title of the new replacement policy. The content stays the same.
Moved to adopt the new replacement policy including changing the heading/s/c.
 - b. AGM preparations. Linda Harvey and Carolyn Iles will ensure that we have a quorum of 30 members for voting. Pastor Terry was asked to send out a membership list to council members. Potential nominees for council were listed.
6. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.
7. Old Business
 - a. Discerning the Way Forward Together. The BC Synod is sponsoring a webinar focusing on deepening group discernment practices in congregations. Council discussed and agreed that our congregation already has a process/system that works well for us, that we do not need this at this time. Ray will draft a letter to the Synod that we will not be taking part. Ray will send the letter to council for perusal.
8. Committee Report
 - a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. Emailed and attached.
 - b. Fellowship/Membership: Linda Harvey. There was no report.
 - c. Finance/Stewardship: Jan Nilsson. Emailed and attached.
 - d. Property: Doug Roszmann. There was no report.

- e. Witness and Mission: Audrey Strauss. Emailed and attached.
- f. Worship: Peter Clark. There was no report.

Motion to receive the reports as presented/s/c.

- 9. Treasurer's Report: Gerry Owen. Emailed and attached both end of December and end of year reports.
- 10. New Business. There was no new business
- 11. Next meeting dates
 - Executive: Friday, February 3, 2023 @ 10:30 am
 - Council: Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 9 am
- 12. Closing Prayer
- 13. Adjournment @ 9:54 am

Action

Ray to draft a letter to the BC Synod that our church will not take part in the Discerning the Way Forward Together webinars sponsored by the BC Synod.