

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 22, 2024

Present: Peter Clark, Bill Fehr, John Musgreave, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Doug Roszmann, Audrey Strauss, Randi Turner

Excused: Shirley Forwell, Pastor Terry Richardson

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Agenda
Move to adopt the agenda/s/c.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Move to adopt the minutes of May 25, 2024/s/c.
4. Pastor's Report. In his report the pastor gave notice of his retirement from Hope Lutheran Church as June 1, 2025. Bishop Kathy Martin had been notified. Council discussed starting the Call process to replace the pastor. Gerry volunteered to contact the bishop.
Move to receive the report/s/c.
5. Governance
 - a. Begin budget preparation for the next AGM. The budget will remain similar to last year.
 - b. Ensure Insurance policy review and renewal, including payment of Annual Premiums. After John's thorough review (see Insurance renewal recommendations under New Business below) and recommendation, council agreed to renew with Johnston Meier.
6. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.
7. Old Business
 - a. Acknowledgement Statement. The Reconciliation Committee will be looking at possibly updating the statement used in the bulletin.
Move to ask Janice to continue to use the existing Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement Statement pending the recommendation of the Reconciliation Committee/s/c.
 - b. Volunteers' discussion, positions inventory, attracting and retention. Ideas to recruit volunteers include: a volunteer Sunday picnic and fellowship to be held August 25, temple talks by volunteers and/or council liaisons, and a volunteer board for sharing volunteering experiences.
 - c. Outside User Group liaison needed. Doug volunteered to ask the congregation for a volunteer at the service next Sunday.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. There was no report.
 - b. Fellowship/Membership: Bill Fehr. There was no report.
 - c. Financial Stewardship: Jan Nilsson. There was no report.
 - d. Property: Doug Roszmann. The front door may need to be repaired. The parking area by the drainage grate and the new house being built continues to be a

concern. Doug and Gerry continue to work on a plan for the installation of a cooling system.

- e. Witness and Mission: Audrey Strauss. Emailed and attached. The committee seeks council approval to donate \$1,000 to ICCS. See New Business below.
- f. Worship: Peter Clark. Emailed and attached.
- g. Reconciliation: John Musgreave. Emailed and attached.

Moved to receive the reports/s/c.

- 9. Treasurer's Report: Gerry Owen. Emailed and attached.

Moved to adopt the report/s/c.

- 10. New Business

- a. Update Ministry Policies. Jan sent out the applicable policies to each committee liaison asking for feedback - is it up-to-date? Responses to be sent to the vice chair.
- b. Witness and Mission seeks council approval to donate \$1,000 from the benevolence line in our budget to ICCS. Island Crisis Care Society's new project, Supportive Recovery Project aims to transition the unhoused off the streets.

Motion to take \$1,000 out of benevolence and put it towards Island Crisis Care Society for their fundraising for the unhoused/s/c.

- c. Insurance Renewal Recommendation. After John's thorough review and recommendation, the council agreed to renew with Johnston Meier.

Move that we renew with Johnston Meier Insurance including the umbrella policy/s/c.

- 11. Next Meeting Dates

Executive: Friday, August 9, 2024 @ 10:30 am

Council: Saturday, August 17, 2024 @ 9 am

- 12. Closing Prayer

- 13. Adjournment @ 10:16 am

Action

- 1. Gerry is to contact Bishop Kathy Martin to discuss the process for replacing Pastor Terry in his retirement.
- 2. Doug is to ask the congregation for a volunteer to be the Outside User Group Liaison at the next Sunday service.
- 3. Gerry is to e-transfer \$1,000 to ICCS for their Supportive Recovery Project.
- 4. Randi is to ask Janice to continue to use the existing Aboriginal Land Acknowledgement Statement on the church bulletins until further notice.