

**Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2023**

Present: Peter Clark, Bill Fehr, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Pastor Terry Richardson, Doug Roszmann, Ray Schultz, Randi Turner

Absent: Cynthia Cantelon Excused: Audrey Strauss

1. Opening Prayer
2. Elections - the following were nominated and accepted the positions of:
  - a. Chair (Pastor chairs this election) - Ray Schultz
  - b. Vice Chair - Jan Nilsson
  - c. Secretary - Randi Turner
  - d. Treasurer - Gerry Owen
3. Committee Liaisons - the following accepted the positions of:
  - a. Continual Learning - Shirley Forwell
  - b. Fellowship/Membership - Bill Fehr
  - c. Financial Stewardship - Jan Nilsson
  - d. Property - Doug Roszmann
  - e. Witness and Mission - Audrey Strauss
  - f. Worship - Peter Clark
4. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. February 11, 2023  
**Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.**
  - b. January 21, 2023  
**Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.**
5. Pastor's Report. In addition to the emailed report, Pastor noted that life has become increasingly busy at the church; very refreshing.  
**Motion to accept the report/s/c.**
6. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.
7. Old Business. There is no old business to cover.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. Emailed and attached.
  - b. Fellowship/Membership. There was no report.
  - c. Financial Stewardship: Jan Nilsson. Emailed and attached.
  - d. Property: Doug Roszmann. The committee is working towards replacing the old, worn out shed.
  - e. Witness and Mission: Audrey Strauss. Emailed and attached. Committee sought council approval for setting June 11 for Praise Appeal Sunday, focusing attention on the work of the national church.  
**Move to approve June 11 as Praise Appeal Sunday, focusing on the work of the national church/s/c.**
  - f. Worship: Peter Clark. There was no report as there was no meeting since the last report.  
**Move to accept all of the reports as presented/s/c.**

9. Treasurer's Report: Gerry Owen. In addition to the emailed report, an Abuse Prevention Declaration for Churches/Charitable Organizations form from our Insurer was received and is to be completed and submitted. The WCB has been filed as per the Governance Review Schedule. Gerry expressed concern over the large cost for utilities (\$400.00/month, 300 gallons/day). Doug added that this large water consumption has been an issue in the past. Doug and Gerry will continue to investigate this matter.

**Moved to adopt the report/s/c.**

10. New Business. There has been increasing interest in serving coffee on a regular basis after the service each Sunday. Have served coffee a few times already using paper cups (to minimize clean up) and will review how successful it goes at next month's meeting.

**Motion to permit groups to serve coffee/s/c.**

11. Next Meeting Dates

Executive: Friday, April 7, 2023 TBA

Council: Saturday, April 15, 2023 @ 9 am

12. Closing Prayer

13. Adjournment @ 9:57 am

**Action:**

1. Gerry and Doug to monitor water usage.
2. Council members to observe how serving coffee after church services goes.
3. Bill to complete Police Check and sign Confidentiality Form.