

**Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2022**

Present: Cynthia Cantelon, Peter Clark, Shirley Forwell, Linda Harvey, Gerry Jacob, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Pastor Terry Richardson, Curt Satre, Audrey Strauss, Randi Turner

Excused: Pat Hyslop

1. Opening and Prayer
2. Adopt Agenda  
**Motion to adopt the agenda/s/c.**
3. Previous minutes of January 15, 2022  
**Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.**
4. Pastor's Report  
**Motion to accept Garth Wedemire and Sue Grant by affirmation of Faith/s/c.**  
Grant and Sue will be welcomed as new members tomorrow, Sunday, February 20, 2022.
5. Executive Report
  - a. Secretarial Help- Curt is scheduled for surgery and requested help with secretarial duties. Randi Turner was asked to help.
  - b. Website- Executive agreed to give a small gift in gratitude to the helper who worked on the new website.
  - c. New Carpet- Fred Wilke continues to gather estimates for a new carpet.
  - d. AGM- Fred Wilke and Rosina Nilsson have agreed to be auditors for the AGM.
  - e. AGM- New council nominees include Ray Schultz, Doug Roszmann, and Randi Turner.
  - f. Hybrid Service- Current guidelines require all in attendance to be vaccinated and wear masks. A single speaker or singer can remove their mask while speaking/singing.
  - g. Fragrance- a new member has allergies to fragrance/scent and expressed their concern over the use of it in the building. Council discussed the possibility of the church being a 'scent-free' building. Pastor Terry agreed to discuss this in his weekly report and make an announcement close to the opening of the church that members not use fragrance/scent when in the building.
6. Correspondence. None was received.
7. Old Business
  - a. Website. See executive report above.
  - b. AGM Preparation. Prior to the AGM, Linda, one of three scrutinizers, would like to instruct the members how to vote on motions.
  - c. Open church. Pastor is comfortable with the idea of opening the church building to meetings. Many members are keen to meet in person again.  
**Move that subject to review by the COVID committee, we initiate plans to begin hybrid worship on Sunday, March 20, 2022/s/c.**  
Gerry Owen will contact the COVID committee requesting a quick reply and that a special meeting of council may be called to confirm the plan.
8. Committee Reports

- a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. Emailed.
- b. Worship: Peter Clark. Emailed.
- c. Property: Gerry Owen. Upcoming projects include replacing the existing carpet, replacing the basement south side door and exploring developing the space below the worship area. A TV and cabinet, for the hybrid services, has been mounted on the wall in the worship area.
- d. Fellowship/membership: Linda Harvey. No report
- e. Finance/Stewardship: Gerry Jacob. Will verbally provide updated figures to the AGM report during the AGM.
- f. Witness/Mission: Audrey Strauss. No new information to report.

**Motion to accept the reports as presented/s/c.**

- 9. January Treasurer's Report. There were problems with SAGE for a while. The problem is now resolved. January's income was high due to annual lump sum donations. Currently, we have a large amount of cash and would like to explore interest bearing options.

**Motion to accept the verbal January Treasurer's Report/s/c.**

- 9. New Business  
Funds for projects. The BC Synod has funds available from the Church Extension and Capital Fund. It was suggested that we look for ways/places to give to those in need. Curt agreed to contact Joel Roszmann who has connections with BC Housing to ask how we could help.

**Next Executive meeting: Friday, March 11, 2022 @ 10:30 am**

**Next Council meeting: Saturday, March 19, 2022 @ 9 am**

Closing Prayer

**Actions:**

1. **Jan to arrange a small gift to the helper who worked on the church website.**
2. **Pastor Terry to ask members not to use fragrance/scent when attending the church building. He will inform members in his weekly report and during announcements shortly before hybrid service starts.**
3. **Gerry Owen to contact the COVID committee to initiate plans to begin hybrid services on Sunday, March 20, 2022.**
4. **Curt to contact Joel Roszmann to ask if we could provide help with BC Housing.**