

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2023

Present: Cynthia Cantelon, Bill Fehr, Jan Nilsson, Gerry Owen, Pastor Terry Richardson, Ray Schultz, Randi Turner

Excused: Doug Roszmann

Absent: Peter Clark, Audrey Strauss

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of previous meetings
 - a. March 18, 2023
Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.
 - b. 2022 AGM, February 19, 2023
Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.
3. Pastor's Report.
 - a. In addition to the emailed report, Pastor shared that Amolina Swartz passed away last Thursday, April 13. Pastor is in contact with her family in regards to making arrangements for a service.
 - b. Pastor requested a commitment from the congregation for an annual financial contribution to the national RIC program as outlined in a letter received. After discussion, council agreed to ask the congregation for contributions at a special service (Bishops Martin and Zinko to extend an apology from the ELCIC to Bill Fehr) to be held May 20, 2023 at Hope.
Move that we make a request of the congregation for a special offering for Reconciling in Christ at the May 20th meeting/s/c.
4. Governance
 - a. Pastor's Review by Mutual Ministry. This review takes place every 3 years by the Mutual Ministry committee. Ray will contact them.
 - b. Receiver General Remittances. Gerry will look after this.
 - c. Annual registration of Charity Information. This has been completed by Gerry.
 - d. Annual review of Policy Manual. Jan will look after this. He will contact Linda Harvey to help.
 - e. Abuse Prevention Declaration. The form has been filled out. It needs to be signed by Ray and Carolyn Iles. Cynthia to provide Jan the names of council members who have had a Criminal Records Check.
5. Correspondence. No correspondence was received.
6. Old Business. There is no Old Business.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Continual Learning: Shirley Forwell. There is no report
 - b. Fellowship/Membership: Bill Fehr. There is no report.
 - c. Financial Stewardship: Jan Nilsson. There is no report.
 - d. Property: Doug Roszmann. There is no report.
 - e. Witness and Mission: Audrey Strauss. Emailed and attached.
 - f. Worship: Peter Clark. Emailed and attached.

8. Treasurer's Report. Gerry Owen. In addition to the report, Gerry drafted a letter to the congregation to update them on the current financial situation.
Move that we approve the distribution of a Treasurer's Report Letter to the congregation/s/c.
9. New Business. There is no New Business.
10. Next meeting dates
Executive: Friday, May 12, 2023 @ 10:30 am
Council: Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ 9 am
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjournment @ 9:41 am

Action

1. **Pastor Terry** to inform the congregation about the request for financial contributions towards Reconciling in Christ at the special meeting May 20, 2023.
2. **Ray** to make an announcement at the Sunday service the week before (Sunday, May 14) regarding financial contributions towards Reconciling in Christ.
3. **Ray** to contact the Mutual Ministry Committee to complete the Pastor's Review.
4. **Gerry** to complete the Receiver General Remittances.
5. **Jan** to begin the annual review of the Policy Manual and ask Linda Harvey to help him.
6. **Ray and Carolyn Iles** to sign the Abuse Prevention Declaration.
7. **Cynthia** to provide Jan the names of council members that have completed a Criminal Records Check.
8. **Gerry** to send the Pastor a copy of the letter for the congregation. **Pastor Terry** to distribute the letter via email.