

Hawley Lutheran Church
Vision Council Minutes
April 16, 2024, 6:00pm

Call to order: President Chelsea Anderson. 6:07pm

Present: Chelsea Anderson, Laurie Boeshans, Kathy Jorgensen, Katie Lowry, Dylan Olson, Pastor Andrea Paulson, Josh Prososki, Mark Redepinning, Gayle Robertson, Josh Salber

Absent: Tara Knutson

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Dylan Olson

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Josh S., seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Approval of March minutes: Motion to approve minutes with corrections via email made by Josh S., seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.

Financial report: Josh Prososki

- March - Revenue: \$45,796.68; Expenses: \$31,679.96; Net: \$14,116.72
- YTD - Revenue: \$99,668.06; Expenses: \$97,932.25; Net: \$1,735.81
- Balances - Checking: \$89,519.79; Now is the Time: \$217,417.84; Memorials: \$139,882.14; Endowment: \$26,000
- Working with Mark Haugen to continue efforts to re-establish a connection with our Nicaragua contact, without much success. Last payment to Nicaragua partner was made in May 2022. Discussion on what to do with money designated for Nicaragua partnership if we can't re-establish contact with them.
- Motion made by Katie to return the money held by HLC that was contributed by two churches (\$2,800 from Faith Lutheran Church, Little Falls; and \$6,757.80 from Christus Lutheran Church, Clintonville, Wisconsin) and designated for Nicaragua, to those two churches if no contact has been made with the Nicaragua contacts by May 1, 2024. Seconded by Dylan. Motion passed.
- Working on keeping track of the pledge-related contributions that have come in so far (about \$96,000 received).
- Discussion on options for high-yield savings accounts.
- Working on getting all property parcels under one tax ID number in an effort to simplify property tax payments.

Open Forum/Guest: None

Staff Reports: Pastor Andrea Paulson

- Orange Conference is next week.

- Megan and Carly are meeting regularly (as well as VBS and Christan Ed team) to make sure everything is on track and getting done. Megan will be on maternity leave from baby's arrival (expected late April) through late July.
- Lots of pastoral visits have been done – has visited everyone once.
- Lots of baptisms anticipated this fall.
- Tricorne Audio is very busy right now and booked out a ways so sanctuary projector replacement may not happen until this summer.

Old Business:

1. Bylaw review and update – Chelsea will reach out to some people to establish a subcommittee to review the bylaws since it's been a number of years since that's been done.
2. Sanctuary use – Staff is updating facility use request form. Vision Council will review it at the May meeting.
3. Safe deposit box – Not much left in the box. Remaining items can be moved to HLC's fireproof safe.
 - a. Motion to close the safety deposit box made by Dylan, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.
 - b. Motion to authorize Josh Prosocki to close the Hawley Lutheran Church safety deposit box made by Dylan, seconded by Mark S. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Calvary Partnership
 - a. Partnership is due for renewal; costs unknown at this time. Currently HLC is only using the Orange curriculum as part of this partnership. Access to Orange curriculum through Calvary in a timely manner has been limited. Christian Education team recommends HLC purchases Orange ourselves so we have access to what we need when we need it. Orange works on a tiered pricing model so we can purchase just the pieces we need.
 - b. Motion to end partnership with Calvary made by Laurie, seconded by Dylan. Motion passed.
2. Team Reports
 - a. Call Team – has one candidate at this time
 - b. Christian Education – Orange curriculum subscription for 2024-25 would be \$3,878 (would include VBS curriculum). May get a discount on the curriculum at the Orange conference. Will pay for the 2024-25 curriculum out of their designated memorial funds.
 - c. Now is the Time – working on getting information to Josh P to submit financial packets to banks to begin the financing process
 - d. Outreach – Spring Fling raised \$4,500 (designated for Now is the Time)
 - e. Personnel – working with Josh P on the job description for his position. Has finished all staff reviews.
 - f. Property – no report

- g. Worship – choir and bells wrapping up soon for the summer. Discussed summer worship plans. Next meeting April 29, then won't meet again until fall.

Dates to Remember:

- Orange Conference – April 22-25
- Treasure Kids sing at church (Mother's Day) – May 12
- End-of-year celebration – May 15
- Senior Recognition Sunday – May 19
- May Vision Council meeting – May 21 at 6:00pm – Host: Josh S.
- Baccalaureate – May 22 at HLC
- VBS – June 9-13
- Mission Sending Service #1 – June 16
- Vision Council retreat – July 16, 5:00-9:00pm, location TBD

Adjournment: Motion made by Mark to adjourn, seconded by Katie. Motion passed.
8:00pm

Closing Prayer: Katie

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Boeshans