

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Vision Council Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2022

Present: Pastor Dave Mesner, Jess Kramer, Kim Kroll, Dave Larsen, Lauren Nyenhuis, Karen Pagel Guerndt, Sara Hendrickson

Not Present: Dave Chura, Cyndi Venberg, Tim Kreft

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Devotions led by Pastor Dave Mesner.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Dave Larsen moved to approve the minutes from 6/28/22. Karen Guerndt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Dave Larsen summarized the June Budget Statement. Personnel expenses are actually under budget. Building and property has been \$13,000 over due to snow removal, water valve repair and clean-up, utilities, and floor scrubber.
- Percentage of pledged is slowly going down, percentage of unpledged is slowly going up.

**SMART Update:**

- Pastor Dave reported that we will continue to be "Masking Optional" with mitigation strategies in place.

**Stewardship Report: [Sing a New Song](#)**

- Pastor Dave gave a preview

**Liaison Reports:**

- Experiencing God LT: [July 11](#) (Karen, Kim, Pastor Dave) Worship has been planned through the end of November.
- Reaching Out LT: [June 5](#) (Tim)
- Nurturing Faith LT: (Lauren, Jess) Sunday School Team meeting on Tuesday, August 9
- Resource Development: (Dave C., Dave L.)- [5/4 Minutes](#)
- Endowment Fund B: (Sara)

**Other:**

- No updates on the potential Synod request for the use of our building. Bishop Amy has done two "fact-finding" tours.
- VLM has also requested space in our building (3 rooms). They are also looking at other places.

- Pastor Dave has updated his job description for a one-pastor position at LCGS. He has had one discussion with the Callahan team about this.
  - The role of this pastor will change dramatically.
  - Operating from two “layers”: Executive Committee and Lay Leaders.
  - Pastor’s main roles:
    - 1) Provide spiritual leadership to the congregation
    - 2) Leadership Development
- Pastor Dave reported that the three major Synod groups are Together Here (social justice), EcoFaith Team, and Lay Leader Network.
- Honduras Worship on Sunday, August 14. Rev. Stephen Deal (AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) will lead an evening of updates, education, and fellowship on Monday, August 15 at LCGS. There will be a free supper at 5:30pm and presentation at 6:30pm.
- There will be a new member class this fall, (after several years of no classes). There also is a celebration/stewardship brunch in the planning stage for October 23, 2022 with Deacon Bernu as a guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

#### Future Meetings / Devotions

\*\*In the event that VLM or the Synod asks to lease our building space, a meeting will be called as soon as possible!\*\*

September 7, 2022 7:00pm (Zoom or in person in upper Lakeside Room)- Jess will do devotions

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council