

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2022

Present: Pastor Dave Mesner, Jess Kramer, Dave Larsen, Lauren Nyenhuis, Sara Hendrickson, Dave Chura, Cyndi Venberg, Kim Kroll

Not Present: Karen Pagel Guerndt, Tim Kreft

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

Approval of Minutes

- Sara Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes from [9-7-22](#). Kim Kroll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leadership

- [Leading Faithful Innovation](#) (watched from 13:28 to 23:19)

Treasurer's Report: Dave Larsen

- [August numbers](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- Projecting a "little bit better" end of year (a few thousand dollars)
- Unpledged has been below expectations.
- Employee Retention Credit still at \$15,293. Sara Hendrickson made a motion to move the ERC (Employee Reduction Credit) funds (\$15,293) into the Operating Reserve Fund. Kim Kroll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- PPP Loan is at \$43,103. Discussion occurred around how to either give this money away, move into the Operating Reserve, or do a combination of both. VC members expressed reluctance to use any PPP money for anything that would recur.
- Dave Chura motioned to accept the August Financials. Sara Hendrickson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Lauren and Jess will relay to NFLT to ask the Resource Development Team for 3-5 years of internship money to be put into the budget under special funds. (PPP could perhaps be mentioned in this request.)

Mission/Vision Task Force Update: Dave Chura

- [Mission/Vision Task Force Timeline](#)
- Brian is creating a powerpoint that aligns with the colored recommendations.
- The Job of VC Members: Listen. Jess will take notes. It is crucial for people to know their voices are heard.
- We will put a summary of what we plan to focus on for 2023 and explain how we got there. Just because an item is red right now doesn't mean we will never address it.
- Dave C will create:

- Slide 1- Objective is to listen and clarify.
- Slide 2- Clarify colors.
- Slide 3- Review timeline.
- Forum Schedule
 - Forum 1- 10/5 6:00-7:30 in Upper Lakeside (Kim & Cyndi facilitate)
 - Forum 2- 10/9 11:00- in Sanctuary (Kim will facilitate) Cyndi will ask Brian to record the Sunday forum and put it on the website.

Stewardship Report: Pastor Dave

- Pastor Dave gave an overview of [Sing a New Song](#)
 - 9:30 Worship and 11:00 Small Group Discussions led by Lay Leaders
 - 9/25, 10/2, 10/12 (6-7pm), 10/16, and celebration and brunch with Deacon Colleen Bernu on 10/23.
- NE MN Synod Lay Leader Network (10/1/22; 11/12/22; 2/4/23; 4/22/23)
 - Endowment has provided 15 scholarships.

Liaison Reports: Cyndi Venberg encouraged updated meeting reports to be sent in.

- Experiencing God LT: [7/11/22](#) (Karen, Kim, Pastor Dave)
- Reaching Out LT: [6/5/22](#) (Tim)
- Nurturing Faith LT: (Lauren, Jess)
- Resource Development: (Dave C., Dave L.)- [9/22/22](#)
- Endowment Fund B: (Sara)- [March 16, 2022](#)

Other:

- Pastor Dave reported that Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry has made another site visit to LCGS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Future Meetings / Devotions

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 17, 6:30-8:00pm (Zoom or in upper Lakeside Room).

Sara Hendrickson will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council