

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

Present: Pastor Dave Mesner, Jess Kramer, Dave Larsen, Lauren Nyenhuis, Karen Pagel Guerndt, Sara Hendrickson, Dave Chura, Cyndi Venberg, Tim Kreft

Not Present: Kim Kroll

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Devotions led by Jess Kramer.

Approval of Minutes

- Sara Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes from [8/3/22](#). Jess Kramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leadership

- [Leading Faithful Innovation](#) (watched from 4 minutes to 13 minutes)

Treasurer's Report: Dave Larsen

- August numbers are not complete, but coming in pretty close to what projections state.
- End of the year projections look like we are spending \$10,000 more than expected and receiving \$10,000 less than expected.
- Pledged amount is about 5% below expected. We are not getting a lot of new pledges.
- Dave L. suggested the ERC (Employee Retention Credit- approx. \$15,000) be transferred to the operating reserve account.

Mission/Vision Task Force Update: Dave Chura

- [Mission/Vision Task Force Timeline](#)
- Dave reviewed the process that organized MVTF Recommendations into green, yellow, and red.
- The purpose of the VC Fall Forums is to present information regarding how the Vision Council has categorized the recommendations.
 - Remind people how we got here
 - Show how the VC "bucketed" the recommendations
 - Listen and clarify when needed
 - Use this as an additional way to gather information
 - It would be helpful if someone from the VC led other than Dave C. and Sara H. (who were both on the MVTF). It is a priority for VC members to attend forums.
- The color coding of recommendation would then essentially be the "blueprint" for the HR Committee and Resource Development Committee to move forward in partnership with the staff in creating a budget, etc.
- The goal is to have one Sunday 11:00 and one Wednesday evening forum.

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, 10/9, 10/16, and celebration and brunch with Deacon Colleen Bernu on 10/23. One date needs to be changed so a fall VC forum can occur on a Sunday.
 - Pastor Dave will communicate with Craig and Sulo about if they can switch to a Wednesday. He will communicate dates to VC as soon as possible.
- 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) Worship has been planned through the end of November.
- Reaching Out LT: [6/5/22](#) (Tim)
- Nurturing Faith LT: (Lauren, Jess) Update on Youth Interns:
 - Youth intern program has 5 interested youth.
 - A funding request will be presented in September to Endowment
 - One project idea has focused on revising/creating a welcoming statement and investigating becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
- Resource Development: (Dave C., Dave L.)- [5/4/22 Minutes](#)
- Endowment Fund B: (Sara)- [March 16, 2022](#)

Other:

- No update on building rental

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Future Meetings / Devotions

Next Meeting: Monday, September 26, 7:00pm (Zoom or in person in upper Lakeside Room)- Dave Larsen will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council