

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Vision Council Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022

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

Not Present: —

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.  
Sara Hendrickson led devotions.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Dave Chura moved to approve the minutes from [10-4-22](#). Dave Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report: Dave Larsen**

- [Projections](#)
- [September 2022 Financial Notes](#)
- With the new system, if someone gives more than they pledge, the extra money stays in pledged. In past years it would have gone to unpledged.
- Give to the Max revenue goes toward 4130 Appeals (Ascend).
- Dave Chura motioned to request the Resource Development Team (RDT) develop a recommendation for dispersing the ~\$43,000 in remaining Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds.
- Dave Larsen seconded the motion. Discussion included:
  - Can we use it for custodian? Concern that the PPP money is finite and not sustainable.
  - Can we use PPP money to hire someone to facilitate and help us navigate the process of moving forward with our Mission/Vision process?
  - Can we consider paying musicians (and/or other staff) to follow through with our mission and the feedback from forums?
  - Clarification for motion- Ask RDT to make a plan to bring PPP money to zero, so there is no balance by the annual meeting.
- Motion approved unanimously.
- Dave Chura motioned to approve the September Financials. Cyndi Venberg seconded; motion passed unanimously.

### **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) Assessment**

- We currently have not been paying our assessment for VLM. (This issue is separate from lease discussion). VLM "per confirmed member" assessment:  
2004 \$2,000  
2005 \$2,000

2006 \$1,510

2007 \$1,173

2008 was the year of significant budget cuts. LCGS kept VLM in the budget for \$0 for several years, but have not brought VLM back as a budget line. Our “per confirmed member” (PCM) assessment for 2022 was \$3,243 (\$3.00 per 1,081 Confirmed members reported to ELCA).

### **Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) Lease: Dave Larsen and Pastor Dave**

- Karen Pagel Guerndt and Brian Fischer have created a standard Minnesota commercial lease. VLM Lease details were shared:
  - Space includes Katie’s Office, Parish Nurse office, and Counting Room.
  - One year, automatically renews unless either party gives the required notice of changes or termination.
  - \$1000.00 per month, regular lease (which includes utilities, maintenance, & insurance)
  - 24 hour access, VLM offices re-keyed.
  - VLM may use other spaces as needed and available. They will schedule through the office, follow LCGS building use requirements, and be responsible for needed setup and cleaning.
  - A VLM employee may have a companion animal in her office only.
  - VLM and LCGS will provide proof of appropriate insurance.
- Katie has met with camp directors and is very supportive and excited about this partnership.
- Pastor Dave noted the powerful nature of having our building used in a way that furthers our mission.
- VLM would like to be in the building before Thanksgiving. A cleanout of these rooms will be necessary.
- Karen Pagel Guerndt, Brian Fischer, Dave Larsen, Mike Klopp, Christine Whitcomb, and Pastor Dave will finalize the lease and send it to VC members electronically with a motion regarding the lease.
- Congregational Meeting Regarding VLM Lease: October 30 in Sanctuary, immediately after worship.
  - We will have a Resolution for the congregation to vote on, similar to the motion that Vision Council Members vote on. A quorum of 50 is needed.
  - People can request a zoom as stated on the postcards from Christine. Dave C. and Brian F. will start a zoom meeting. Vote will be a show of hands.
  - Brian will present a slide with VLM Lease Details.
  - Copies of the lease will be available in the office for people to preview.
  - Katie will talk about how this partnership moves our mission forward.

### **Task Force Mission/Vision Forum Notes:**

- [Wednesday 10-5-22 Forum Notes](#)
- [Sunday 10-9-22 Forum Notes](#)
- [Pastor Dave October 2022 Newsletter](#)

- For our next meeting, Lauren will look at new ideas/feedback from forum notes and incorporate them into our current structure.
- It will be important to emphasize at the annual meeting that this is not a “one and done” process.

#### **Other**

- RSVP due 10/17 tomorrow for brunch
- Sara Hedrickson made a motion to approve Portico Benefit Election for 2023 as Silver + for Pastor, Office Manager and Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Karen Pagel Guernndt seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
- Cyndi Venberg made a motion to approve the following list of confirmands:
  - Adam Bergstrom
  - Olivia Buresh
  - Sarah Greicar
  - Ian Kroll
  - Christopher Lopez
  - Dylan Maki
  - Molly McNamee
  - Evan Nicholson
  - Aubrey Schmalz
  - Amity Sjerven
  - Brooke SolbergLauren Nyenhuis seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
- Lois Opseth has requested a Vision Council member attend the Ruth Circle meeting on November 8 at 6:30 to answer questions about the MVTF recommendations. Kim will respond and let her know that no VC members are available on that evening. It is Election Day.

#### **Vision Council closed with the Lord’s Prayer.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Monday, November 14, 6:30-8:00pm (Zoom or in upper Lakeside Room)

Dave Chura will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council