

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

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

Not Present: Kim Kroll, Karen Pagel Guerndt, Tim Kreft

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. Cindy Venberg led devotions.

Approval of Minutes

- Sara Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes from [10-17-22](#). Dave Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Leadership: [Leading Faithful Innovation](#) (23:19-34:35)

- [Pivot-Leading through Chaos](#) podcast

Treasurer's Report: Dave Larsen & Pastor Dave

- [Projections](#)
- [October 2022 Financial Statements](#)
- Pastor Dave presented **projected** initial 2023 Budget projection based on financial stewardship responses:
 - As of November 10th, we have received pledges for \$253,880 from 70 families. We still have 57 families that have not responded estimated at \$135,582. Pledged **projected** income is \$389,462.
 - Unpledged **projected** is \$61,178.
 - **Total projected** 2023 income (pledged and unpledged) is \$450,640.
- Discussion about potential recession, increasing cost of expenses, and question about where the money is coming from - new families or just increases from continued givers? Pastor Dave stated that of the 70, 30 increased, 8 decreased, and 4 were new.
- Dave Chura motioned to accept the October Financials. Dave Larsen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) Update: Dave Larsen

- Big things have been moved; Still need (specific) people to sort through papers/stuff. We have until the end of the month.
- Vision Council and LCGS Staff is invited to the VLM board meeting Saturday 11/19 4:00-5:30.

Task Force Mission/Vision Forum Notes: Lauren Nyenhuis

- [Congregational Feedback from forums](#)
- See [LCGS Governance Documents](#) starting on page 21 to review Leadership Team roles and responsibilities
- Next Steps for Vision Council Members-

- VC liaisons meet with chair of Leadership Teams
- VC liaisons share expectations and ask for plans from each team to implement recommendations.
- [Congregational Feedback from Forums](#) (suggested recommendations for each leadership team) and anything else from MVTF Recommendations
 - NFLT- #2, 4, 6
 - ROLT- #3, 5,
 - EGLT- #2, 6, 7
 - RDT- #8, 9

Liaison Reports:

- Experiencing God LT: [Oct 26](#) - Karen, Kim (Debbie Sanders chair)
- Reaching Out LT: Sept. 19 - Tim (Marcia Semerau chair)
- Nurturing Faith LT: Sept. 21 - Lauren, Jess (not sure of actually “chair”)
- Resource Development: [Sept. 22](#)- Dave C., Dave L. (Frank Waner chair)
- Endowment Fund B: [March 16](#) - Sara (Tom Seidelman chair)

Other:

- Dave Larsen represented Sulo Kangas and passed on the following suggestions from him:
 - Form a children’s choir
 - Perform a dramatic rendering of the parable of the Good Samaritan
 - Monthly study/fellowship event similar to those held on the Psalms
 - Invite local social service organizations to set up a table in the gathering space on Sundays
- **Annual Meeting** will be February 5 immediately following 9:30 worship service. Vision Council members Dave C, Dave L, and Cindy V have terms that are ending. Cindy will not continue the president position. Pastor Dave verified that there is a Nominating group.
- Pastor Dave and Christine will update the “Confirmed Member” report to the Synod.

Vision Council closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 12, 6:30-8:00pm (Zoom or in upper Lakeside Room)
 Dave Chura will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council