

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2023

Present: Pastor Dave Mesner, Jess Kramer, Sara Hendrickson, Cole Peterson, Seth Loeffler-Kemp, Lauren Nyenhuis

Not Present: Karen Pagel-Guerndt, Cyndi Venberg, Dave Larsen, Tim Kreft

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Devotions – Lauren Nyenhuis

Approve Minutes for [Vision Council Mtg. Minutes 6-26-23](#)

Sarah Hendrickson motioned to approve; Lauren Nyenhuis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ministry Map Update for LCGS, Pastor Dave

- Discussed changes made to [Ministry Map](#), including defining chair roles, discipleship-mentoring and spiritual leadership calling.
- Curriculum overview was introduced.

Treasurer Report- June (Dave Larsen)

- June financials are still in process.

Callahan to Mutual Ministry Update- Pastor Dave, Cole

- Mutual ministry committee is being formed to replace the Callahan group. Looking for a group of 4 people (chosen by pastor and congregation president).
- Purpose of Mutual Ministry Committee is to provide support for all staff. The Callahan Clergy Support Team was only for pastors. Committee will meet individually with each staff member, and then meet with all staff. Conversations are confidential.

Welcoming Parents/Family Members during Sunday School- Cole

- Conversation has come up about how to connect with family members and young people whose children are in Sunday School.
- Can we have a congregation member greet these people downstairs and make a connection, have a conversation during Sunday School time? Can VC members each take a Sunday and be that role? Sign-up for VC members will take place at August VC meeting.

Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, September 17, 2023- Cole

- Joel Abenth has volunteered to lead this, immediately after worship service until 12:30 or so. It will be organized so participants don't have to stay the entire time.

Liaison Reports:

- Experiencing God LT: Seth Loeffler-Kemp [EGLT 7-18-23](#) (also meeting tomorrow)
- Reaching Out LT: Cindy Venberg
- Nurturing Faith LT: Jess Kramer, Lauren Nyenhuis, Tim Kreft [NFLT 7-26-23](#)

- Resource Development : Cole Peterson (Memorial Funds), Dave Larsen, Pastor Dave (Offering Our Lives, Stewardship), Karen Pagel Guernndt
- Endowment Fund Board: Lauren Nyenhuis and Sara Hendrickson (meeting next month)

Interest in Vision Council Retreat at VLM, Fall 2023- Cole

- More discussion about this at the August meeting- later half or Oct. or November.

Future Vision Council meetings:

- Monday, August 21, 6:30; Cole Peterson- devotions
- Vision Council meetings through December will be planned at the next meeting.

Jess Kramer moved to adjourn, Sarah Hendrickson seconded.

Vision Council adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council