

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023

Present: Pastor Dave Mesner, Jess Kramer, Tim Kreft, Cole Peterson, Seth Loeffler-Kemp, Dave Larsen

Not Present: Karen Pagel-Guerndt, Cyndi Venberg, Sara Hendrickson, Lauren Nyenhuis

Welcome/Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Devotions – Cole Peterson

Approve Minutes for [Vision Council Mtg. Minutes 7-31-23](#)

Seth Loeffler-Kemp motioned to approve; Tim Kreft seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ministry Map Update for LCGS- Pastor Dave

- Pr. Dave recounted a conversation with Katie Rich regarding structure and implementation. Movement towards collaborative meetings between NFLT/EGLT/ROLT.
- [LCGS Ministry Map August 2023 #4](#)

Treasurer Report for June and July- Dave L.

- In summary, there is not anything that requires immediate action by the VC or RDT. We are in a reasonable financial position. July receipts were not heroic. At \$33,385, they were about \$2000 less than we received in July 2022. YTD our receipts are about \$6500 below budget, with pledged and unpledged both running about \$3500 below budget. At \$283,871, we are about \$6000 ahead of 2022 YTD.
- We have received \$9020 so far against our \$20,000 Ascend/Give to the Max campaign.
- July expenses were also below budget, still leaving us with a monthly deficit of \$2668. YTD we are running a surplus of \$8728. There are no significant “back page” changes. Including the Capital Needs Fund, the Operating Reserve Fund, and Checking account balance we have \$128,549 in reserve.
- Jess Kramer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Seth Loeffler-Kemp seconded. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Mutual Ministry Update- Pastor Dave, Cole

- Cole is working on developing this committee.

Welcoming Parents/Family Members during Sunday School- Cole

- Cole explained the idea to have Church/VC members downstairs during Sunday School to “Meet & Greet” parents. It would be a reaching out activity right in our church.
- Katie suggested Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, & 15. (8:45-9:30) Cole will send a sign-up genius to VC members.

Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, September 17, 2023- Cole

- 10:30-12:30, immediately after worship. Joel Abenth is coordinating.

LCGS Website Design- Cyndi

- Cyndi proposed a “website advisory committee.” Seth Loeffler-Kemp, Dave Larsen, Jess Kramer, and Cyndi Venberg will help move this forward.

Liaison Reports:

- Experiencing God LT: Seth Loeffler-Kemp (Next mtg. Sept. 12; seasonal planning with Katie and representatives from ROLT & NFLT)
- Reaching Out LT: Cindy Venberg
- Nurturing Faith LT: Jess Kramer, Lauren Nyenhuis, Tim Kreft
- Resource Development : Cole Peterson (Memorial Funds), DaveLarsen, Pastor Dave (Offering Our Lives, Stewardship), Karen Pagel-Guerndt (Next mtg. Oct. 17?)
- Endowment Fund Board: Lauren Nyenhuis and Sara Hendrickson

**Reminder that leadership teams do not have to wait for approval to spend money that has already been designated!*

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

- Will discuss when more VC members are present.

Plan VC Meeting Dates/Times for Fall 2023

- September 25, 6:30pm Dave Larsen devotions
- October 30, 6:30pm Jess Kramer devotions
- (NO NOVEMBER MEETING- Possible November 11 retreat at VLM)
- December 11, 6:30pm Tim Kreft devotions

Open Discussion

- Dave Larsen made a motion for the Annual Meeting to be Sunday February 4, with Congregational forums January 21 and 28. Tim Kreft seconded. Motion unanimously passed.
- Cole received an email about weeds in front of the church. He thanked them and passed the concern to the property committee.

Lord’s Prayer

Jess Kramer moved to adjourn, Seth Loeffler-Kemp seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council