

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Vision Council Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2023

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

Not Present: Cyndi Venberg, Dave Larsen, Tim Kreft

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

**Devotions –Jess Kramer
Prayers for Peace.**

Approve Minutes for [Vision Council Mtg. Minutes 9-25-23](#)

Seth Loeffler-Kemp motioned to approve; Sara Hendrickson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report for September- Dave Larsen

- September receipts and expenses were close to our budget and expectations. We spent about \$1500 more for the month than we received, but we are still \$7218 to the good through September.
- The September VLM lease payment of \$1000 was received in September, but will be included in our October receipts.
- The only unplanned expense was about \$1800 for boiler pump repair.
- We updated some income and expense projections to better match what we see as reality. We expect October pledged income to be higher due to a one time gift.
- There is nothing that would seem to alter our projections greatly for either receipts or expenses by year end, so we continue to forecast a surplus.
- The budget committee met last week, and VC representatives on each of leadership teams have been asked to encourage each team to have 2024 resource requests available by the end of October.
- Jess Kramer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Seth Loeffler-Kemp seconded. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

RIC Update- Eric Kaiser

- Eric gave an update from the RIC committee, including the wording from the proposed amendment. Vision Council discussed subtle wording changes and arrived at:
 - Reach out to our community and welcome everyone, *especially including individuals who have been absent or excluded from our traditional church culture, BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people.*
- Karen PG motioned; Seth LK seconded a motion to bring the proposed amendment to the congregation 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Vision Council unanimously approved the motion.
- Eric will work with Amie and Christine to publicize the proposal. He hopes to meet with groups prior to that.
- December 4th is 60 days before the annual meeting. Proposed amendment must be publicized at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Sanctuary LED Screen/Monitor Update- Cole Peterson

- Brian Fischer's Sanctuary Projection Wall proposal and Project request was shared with Vision Council.
- Resource Development has passed the following motions regarding Sanctuary Screen Updates:
 - Recommend to the VC to approve Brian's proposal as written
 - Ask Brian to further explore additional improvements such as more screens throughout the church and replacing the audio system.
 - Recommend these be financed by asking the specific members who've offered to fund it, with a special appeal to the congregation, via the Endowment board, and from the Memorial & Gifts committee
 - Private donations are estimated at \$5,000-\$7,000.
- Vision Council discussed and determined the update should be discussed with the Experiencing God Team before moving forward. VC tabled the topic and will discuss it again at the December 11 meeting.

Water Heater/Boiler Mate Discussion from Resource Development Team

Karen Pagel Guerndt motioned for the Resource Development team to get at least one more bid and to approve a **capital needs expenditure** for up to \$36,000 to replace the water heater/boiler mate and booster tank for the dishwasher. Lauren Nyenhuis seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

- Eric Kaiser will pass along this motion to Dave Kreager.
- Currently, the Capital Needs Fund has \$48,161.

LCGS Website Update- Seth Loeffler-Kemp

- Seth has a few bids placed and is waiting for a few more bids from website designers.
- First meeting will likely not take place until the end of November/early December.

Liaison Reports:

- Experiencing God LT: Seth Loeffler-Kemp
 - Last meeting covered larger calendar items.
- Reaching Out LT: Cyndi Venberg
 - Finalized active ministry list (about a two-page list!)
- Nurturing Faith LT: Jess Kramer, Lauren Nyenhuis, Tim Kreft
 - Discussed current confirmation numbers and Sunday School attendance.
 - There is a group going to the National Youth Conference this summer!
 - Discussed additional funding requests for next year's budget and the idea of a budget narrative.
- Resource Development : Cole Peterson (Memorial Funds), DaveLarsen, Pastor Dave (Offering Our Lives, Stewardship), Karen Pagel-Guerndt
- Endowment Fund Board: Lauren Nyenhuis and Sara Hendrickson

Vision Council Retreat Fall 2023- Cole

- Decision to hold on this based on time and availability.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Dave

- Several funerals have taken place recently.
- Staff are working very hard.

Plan VC Meeting Dates/Times for Fall 2023

- (NO NOVEMBER MEETING- Possible November 11 retreat)
- December 11, 6:30pm Tim Kreft devotions

Lord's Prayer

Seth Motioned moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Jess Kramer, Secretary, LCGS Vision Council