

Hope Lutheran Council – Monday 18, 2024

Call to Order - 5:00 PM by Council President Lanae McClellan

Present: Lanae McClellan, Erik Aamlid, Pastor Matt Cordes, Jess Felten, Angie Newton, Sarah Gavert, Kathy Mattson, Ben Kalow, Paul Gaukstad, Molly Warmka.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Matt, Hope is a rope to anchor to God

Agenda: Approved as written.

February 20, 2024 Minutes: Approved as written.

Shared Ministry: Oral report by Sarah Gavert. Written report provided.
Should sandwiches be added to the soup suppers? More discussion needed; including volunteer vs assignments.

Financial Reports: Written report presented by Paul Gaukstad and approved.
Shortened summary will be used moving forward. Full files available on request.
Paul will provide the congregation an update in April.

Deacons: Written report provided.
Summer ideas: BBQ Picnic at Lagoon Park, movie night.
Need a new source for Sanctuary Christmas Tree.
New senior connection group, Golden Fellowship, will begin April 17.

BOYEM: Written report provided, presented by Hope Mack
VBS date change to avoid community conflict to August 5 – 8, 2024.
Thank you to the Deacons for the money for the new TV.
Should KOK sing more often in church? Very well received. Many also enjoy the percussion at the end for kids.
Discussion about starting the mentor program earlier to deepen the mentor connection.
Goal for having an event for older kids sometime in the summer of 2025. Mission trip? Adventure camp? Ideally a combo of service and adventure over 3 – 4 days.
Discussion of leveling up the confirmation retreat.
Move care packages to BOYEM.

Trustees: Oral report by Ben Kalow. Written report provided.
Need to source a plaque for the tree sponsored by the Warmka / Johnson family.
Should we sell electric drum set in the H2H area?

The new sidewalk team includes: Kristin Parrott, Kelly Lorenz, Char Senske. Hoping for more volunteers. There is a potential Doepke connection with landscapers. Ben will also follow up with Roger and Deb Anderson.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matt Cordes

Signing up for devotions: April – Sarah, May – Paul, June – Lanae, July – Molly, August – Ben

Interest in a Council book club over the summer?

Starting the senior group on April 17 with message, lunch, and discussion time. Need to connect with someone regarding music.

Starting a prayer team on Sundays 8:30 before service, everyone welcome. Meet in the Library downstairs.

Discussion continues regarding having music projected on the screen. System requirements are challenging, it's a complicated endeavor.

Finding Hope band is well received and providing musical variety.

Need to connect with the Scouts about flag pole height with the new lower lights.

Youth Minister job opening is being rolled out shortly.

Pastor would like to occasionally preach a sermon series vs lectionary starting in the Fall of 2024.

Old Business:

(1) Composting Update: Collections will start and volunteers will be scheduled to bring to municipal composting site.

(2) AED grant: declined by Mdewakanton, Saints no longer funding. Molly to connect with Deb Pauly regarding Suburban Emergency Associates.

(3) Mission / Vision Statement – table

(4) Constitution Assessment - table

New Business:

(1) Youth Director: Interview team assembled and have met once. When they have a recommendation, they will present to the Council.

(2) Senior Member Gathering beginning April 17

(3) Second worship service conversation, summer and fall: 10:30am outdoor service, weather permitting beginning May 26. Sound equipment needed. Bring your own chair. During the Fall, second service in the evening of Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday: TBD.

Adjourned at 6:40 PM concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Molly Warmka