

**Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 25, 2019**

Present: Erika Blakeman, Peter Clark, Linda Harvey, Harry Sommerfeld, Gerry Owen, Pastor Terry Richardson, Randi Turner, Fred Wilke

Excused: Jan Nilsson, Gary Schenk

1. Opening and prayer

2. Adopt agenda

**Motion to adopt the agenda/s/c.**

3. Previous minutes of of April, 2019

**Motion to adopt the minutes/s/c.**

4. Pastor's Report

Pastor Terry presented his report and included his "ELCIC Minute" on Congregational Leadership to further enhance council's understanding of the Lutheran Church.

**Motion to accept the report/s/c.**

5. Executive Report

Treasurer replacement - In the continuing attempt to find a replacement treasurer, the position may be divided into three sections: computer input, donations and deposits, and disbursement. Gerry is familiarizing himself with the current accounting system, Sage 50, so has volunteered to look after computer input. In time an alternate, less expensive, accounting system may be considered. Joan Nolting will continue to look after donations and deposits. A third volunteer is still needed to look after disbursement.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report

7. Old Business

a. User Groups Update. Erika handed out newly revised, April 2019, contracts that are in use in the office now.

b. Policy Books. Linda handed out the newly revised, February 2019, manuals to council that did not already have a copy.

c. Sign. Fred reported that the new sign will be installed this Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

d. Treasurer recruitment. This is covered in the executive report above.

8. Committee Reports

a. Continual Learning: Randi Turner. Oral report. Attached.

b. Worship: Peter Clark. No meeting was held. No report.

c. Property: Harry Sommerfeld. Emailed and attached with the amendment to delete item 9.

d. Fellowship/Membership: Linda Harvey. Emailed and attached.

e. Finance/Stewardship: Fred Wilke. Emailed and attached.

f. Witness/Mission: Erika Blakeman. No meeting was held. No report. Reminder that Praise Appeal Sunday is June 9, 2019.

- g. Mutual Ministry/Mission Renewal: Peter Clark. The mutual ministry committee meets about 4 times a year. Peter attended his first meeting as an orientation to his new role as liaison.  
Motion to accept reports as presented/s/c.
- 9. April, 2019 Treasurer's Report
  - a. Cilaire funds. Gerry has the letter from the City and will work on drafting a letter of acknowledgement of city requirements for the Cilaire community group to sign. He suggested that he and John will meet with Cilaire to arrange disbursement.
  - b. Witness and outreach \$300. Erika will check with the witness and mission committee to clarify how the Faith Life Outreach funds will be disbursed.
  - c. Repair/replacement of chairs. Linda suggested that we purchase replacement seat parts to repair existing chairs instead of purchasing new chairs. Council asked the property committee to review the parts needed, investigate the cost, and provide a proposal for council to consider. Funds would come from the Thrifty Food Smile card program.
  - d. Synod gathering funds. Linda will check with the fellowship committee to consider how to direct funds received.
- 10. New Business
  - a. Endorsement regarding donations for next year's envelopes. Gerry continues to work with Joan to add information on the offering envelopes.
  - b. Changes to the accounting system. Gerry discussed the high cost of the current system and suggested that another program may be less expensive and equally useful. He will investigate alternate accounting programs that may be used in the future.
  - c. Planning for estate planned giving seminar. Glenn Harvey gave a brief introduction to ELFEC Responsible investing/gift planning program. He suggested that he would create a committee, come up with a plan to present to the congregation, and then present this proposal to council for their consideration.
  - d. Mission Renewal - where do we go from here? Glenn Harvey and Carolyn Iles provided a handout with an overview of the Synod Mission Renewal project. After almost two years, the project has completed and the committee asked council to consider creating a new Mission Renewal committee to continue the process.
- 11. Next Meetings: Executive: Friday, June 21, 2019 after Men's Breakfast  
Council: Saturday, June 22, 2019 @ 9:30 am
- 12. Closing Prayer

**Action:**

- 1. Gerry and Jan - continue recruitment to fill disbursement position.**
- 2. Gerry and John - meet with Cilaire to arrange disbursement of funds.**
- 3. Erika - check with witness and mission committee to clarify how the Faith Life Outreach funds will be disbursed.**

4. **Harry - prepare a proposal to council detailing the cost of parts required to repair chairs.**
5. **Linda -check with the fellowship committee how to direct funds received from the Synod gathering.**
6. **Gerry - continue to work with Joan to add information on the offering envelopes.**
7. **Gerry - investigate potential alternate accounting programs.**
8. **Gerry - add presentation by Glenn Harvey on gift planning seminar to next month's council meeting agenda.**
9. **Gerry - to next month's agenda, add a discussion on considering to create a new mission renewal committee**