

Hope Lutheran Church Council - June 9, 2025 Minutes

“As God’s people, abounding in hope and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Roll Call: Carol Mohr, Terrie Hanke, Bob Everson, Mary Luhman-Turner, Sue Tietz, Leanne O’Bryan, Lee McMullen, Todd Johnson, Nancy Hallin, Ashlyn Hoernke, Alice Bates

Glimpses of God: Pastor’s Drawings at “The Profits” Performance in Baldwin, 28 State records broken at track meet in LaCrosse, SHP bin was full including 8 hand stitched quilts.

Devotion: Acts 17:11. Apostles Paul and Silas preached in Thessalonica where they received the message “with all readiness” or they had ready minds. That means those were people who were open to God - they were willing to hear what God said, no matter whether it was good news or bad. What does it really mean to be ready-minded? It was being willing to turn away from every lie and deception that Satan offers. It means being willing to say “I was wrong.” It means that instead of listening only for what we want to hear, we listen for what we need to hear.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the May minutes by Sue Tietz. Seconded by Nancy Hallin-Passed.

Additions to Agenda: None

Treasurer’s Report: June financial report given by Lee McMullen. Motion to approve financial report by Terrie Hanke. Seconded by Todd Johnson-Passed.

Old Business:

-Call Committee: Call Committee is waiting for another list of candidates from the Synod Office. Ken Anderson has resigned from the Call Committee. Carol Mohr was moved up from alternate and another alternate committee member will be added.

-Wolf Interest Fund: Distribution of the Joan Wolf investment interests for 2025 of \$36,913.90; \$2,000 for Youth Activities as requested by Grace; \$30,103.90 toward Grace’s salary; \$4,810 for the VFD replacement for the energy efficiency needs. Noted sufficient funds in the Friendship Group Reserve at this time. Motion to accept distribution as determined by Trustees by Sue Tietz. Seconded by Mary Luhman-Turner-Passed.

New Business:

- **Report from Synod Assembly:** Joan Moe attended and reported to Council. Resolution 1: Love Your Neighbor Capital Campaign-passed. Resolution 2: Spanish Translation/Interpretation for Synod Materials and Events - Passed; 4. Operating Mission Plan - Passed. Resolution 5: National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools - Passed. Resolution 3: An amendment for the resolution Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits for 2026 passed. The Resolution #3 failed and was sent back to the committee and revisions will be noted on at a later date. Pr. Mary Erickson was recognized as Retiring Pastor.
- July Council Meeting: No July Council meeting unless needed.

Reports:

- **Pastor’s Report:** N/A
- **Youth Representative:** Board met to reflect and determine future needs.
- **Board of Education:** (*Provide educational and fellowship opportunities for youth & families to encounter the unfolding experience of God’s love and equip them for a faithful future.*) N/A

- **Rachel's Place Board:** *(Increase enrollment and to regain compliance with licensing.)* Board is working on letter to parents regarding tuition increase; working on playground, sandboxes, and gravel area.
- **Board of Outreach:** *(Our mission is to continue the ongoing outreach programs while remaining adaptable and receptive to addressing additional needs within both the church and our wider community.)* School Supplies and shoe donations in July-August. Successful Beacon House support.
- **Board of Trustees:** *(Maintain a balanced budget, Prepare and present a stewardship program, Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis and continue to encourage electronic giving.)* Went over Building report and financials.
- **Building & Grounds:** **Chimney Tuckpoint** – Completed with excellent results; **Windows** – Completed with excellent results. If possible would like to do 2 more east wing windows this fall at approximately \$1,300 each; **Roof Repair** – Completed with better than expected results. No need to remove shingles and replace decking but repaired flashing around the vents. Likely less than original bid of \$1,600; **VFD** – Bartingale to install any day for \$4,810; **Insulation** – Retain Quality Foam and Fiber to do work before next heating season – \$10,300; **Balancing** – On hold to complete VFD and Insulation and funds available; **Ignitors for Boilers** – 2 x \$400 this fall; **LED Parking Lot Lights** – this fall; **Elevator Control Panel** – Schindler is unresponsive; Exploring options for replacing the two Eddy Lane maples as one was taken down a couple years back and the second is not healthy.
- **Green Team:** Water schedule done; shoe donations in the fall, wood chips done.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer: 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted by Alice Bates