

## VISION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### In Attendance:

- Pastor Dianne Loufman
- President Susanna Ojakangas
- Past President Mark Boyce
- Vice President Diana Ream
- Secretary Amy Merchant
- Treasurer Bob Boman
- Kirsten Bich
- Julie Samuelson
- Stephanie Lundorff
- Carson Schroeder
- Jodi Grebinoski

**Preparation for meeting:** Everyone please read the Proposed New Office Schedule, the July 11th meeting minutes, (links sent in email) and this agenda. We will not have time during this meeting for reading these documents. Click the Comments icon if you have suggestions while reading them.

### Prior to meeting (5:45-6:00):

- **Individual Pictures:** Come 15 minutes early (if you can) to get your picture taken for the Vision Council Members board. This has not been updated for many years. It is a framed collection of individual pictures of everyone on the Vision Council so the congregation has an easy reference of who we are.
- **Remind app:** Kelly will join us to help get us all signed up on the Remind App so we can easily send our meeting reminders and if necessary, nudges to sign checks or read an important email. Bring your cell phone!

Agenda Topic	Discussion Notes/Minutes	Follow-Up Actions
Devotions & Prayer	Susanna Opens meeting with prayer Due to this very full meeting agenda, time will not be used for a devotion. We will each get a copy of <i>Baptized We Live - Living Lutheran</i> , our material for devotions starting at the next meeting.	Everyone read page 2 and 3 and come with a question to next meeting.
Adoption of Agenda	Julie Samuelson motion to approve Carson Schroeder Seconds Unanimous Approval	Once adopted, attendees agree that no additional topics will be addressed.

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<b>Approval of last month's minutes</b>	Kirsten Bich motions to approve Diana Ream seconds Unanimous Approval	Once approved, the secretary will make a pdf of the minutes and add it to the permanent church record.
<b>Pastor's Report</b>	<p>Labor day baptism.Pastor Mowchan will do this.</p> <p>Jim Lundorff in the office has resigned to return to the school district and our CPE intern, Tim Krieg, completed his time with us. Farewell celebration in the office</p> <p>Changing welcome statement to welcome everyone regardless of where they are on the spectrum of faith</p> <p>Moved Pride flag from front of sanctuary to the side</p>	<p>Need people who are able to meet with visitors</p> <p>Need vision council members to do announcements during services in September.</p>
<b>Visioning Topic 1:</b> should we (a) assemble the call committee and start a new search for an assoc pastor, or (b) find a person to work with youth and continue with interns?	<p>3 people on the call committee do not wish or are unable to continue if we decide to start a search for an associate pastor again. VC can nominate people to fill those spots since it is a continuation</p> <p>Important to have a volunteer coordinator - we could make this a paid position.</p> <p>Hire a part-time youth person</p> <p>Forego search for associate pastor at this time; pursue youth person, volunteer coordinator, and continue process with current intern</p> <p>Mark Boyce Motions to approve Stephanie Lundorff Seconds Unanimous approval</p>	<p>Continue with plan for intern who has already expressed interest in working with us</p> <p>Search for a volunteer coordinator.</p> <p>Search for a youth person.</p>
<b>Visioning Topic 2:</b> Discuss efficacy of Proposed New	Kelly proposed a new office schedule which frees up funds for above	

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Office Schedule  Proposed New Office S...	New Office Schedule Diana Ream Motions to approve Jodi Grebinoski Seconds Unanimous Approval	
<b>Visioning Topic 3:</b> calendar for the year, including assigning one VC member each month to do opening/closing prayers & write the Council Corner paragraph	This has been done and people know their months for prayers and corners  <b>September 8th:</b> Open House for Sunday School. Bibles <b>September 15th:</b> Sunday School Starts Confirmation <b>October 13th:</b> New Member lunch <b>october 27th:</b> New members & confirmation <b>October 27th:</b> carve pumpkins and roast pumpkin seeds <b>November 3rd:</b> Start making Lefse , for Lefse Fun Run on December 7th. Potential foundation event in October	First News: have Council Corner paragraph done by Wed following VC meeting. Copy Pastor and Kelly.  Send out Doodle Poll to young families to see when babysitting night at church would work
<b>Visioning Topic 4:</b> read together through the constitution regarding VC responsibilities.	Each vision council member reads through the constitution during the meeting	
<b>Visioning Topic 5:</b> At-large members need to consider which ministry area they will represent:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Evangelism- Stephanie Lunderoff</li> <li>● Life-Long Learning- Jodi Grebinoski</li> <li>● Stewardship-Julie Samuelson</li> <li>● Local &amp; Global- Carson Schroeder</li> <li>● Worship &amp; Music- Kirsten Bich</li> </ul>	Add these ministry areas to a Vision Council photo board under names.  Also add Mark foundation Diana R - finance Susanna - personnel
<b>Treasurer's report - Bob</b>	June Offering in 2024 was at 43.6% of MSP. In 2023 it was at 45.7%  July Offering in 2024 was at 100.2% of MSP. In 2023 it was 53.1% #'s are better. Encourage giving.	

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<b>Old Business Topic 1: Sunday School update</b>	We need a “superintendent” and lead teachers	Find teachers
<b>Old Business Topic 2:</b> Still need Male leader for <b>OWL</b> - Our Whole Lives - sexuality curricula. In-person 20 hrs training over 3 days for middle school program in January with Beth Aebly.	Mark Boyce Motion to approve that we go forward with this program. Carson Schroeder Seconds Unanimous approval	Need to find another teacher for it  Advertise it
<b>Old Business Topic 3:</b> planning for <b>August 25 BBQ</b> and last park service - who will do what? We have no food truck.		Carson Schroeder and Kelly grilling Mark Boyce costco run for burgers, buns, and chips
<b>Old Business Topic 4: Youth Ministry Team</b> We need a team who is made of people interested in planning a youth calendar.		.
<b>New Business Topic 1: Community Meal.</b> Is this important to our identity? Key members are moving – how can we expand this ministry?	Table until next meeting	
<b>New Business Topic 2: Sunday morning Bible study</b> - we need a leader	1st and 3rd Sunday Bible Study needs new leader	Stephanie Lundorff will ask leader
<b>New Business Topic 3: Nursery Scheduler</b> - need someone to organize and keep the schedule	They don't need to staff it, just organize it. Someone needs to schedule them.	Amy Merchant?
<b>New Business Topic 4: Financial Stewardship Team</b> - it is an action team	We only have two members on this now, and Pastor Dianne	Find more people. Educate people about being generous.

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<b>New Business Topic 5: Goals! We will do our goal setting at the October meeting</b>		Think and pray about what you think are the top three goals that the Vision Council should focus on this year.
<b>Next meeting: date, writer for prayers &amp; Council Corner</b>	Pastor Dianne will be gone August 26-Sept 25, We will not have a September meeting.  Next meeting will be on October 3rd	Mark Boyce will write the Council Corner for September.
<b>Reminders:</b>	Everyone has a mailbox on the third floor outside the church offices. We can use the Remind app if there is something in your mailbox for you to pick up.  Recommend that VC members go to the NEMNSynod website and sign up to receive the e-newsletter from the synod.	Vision Council members need to sign up for the Synod newsletter.