

VISION COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA-MINUTES

Meeting Date: 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025

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:

- Please read through last month's meeting minutes (emailed) and this agenda. Please email Pastor Dianne Loufman and President Susanna Ojakangas with any additions or comments.
- Read pages 10 & 11 in Baptized We Live.
- Bring your copy of the Annual Report to the meeting.

Agenda Topic	Discussion Notes/Minutes	Follow-Up Actions
Devotions & Prayer by Jodi Grebinoski (10 min)	<i>Baptized We Live - Living Lutheran</i> - pages 10 & 11 -The Living Word	<i>This month's leader will write the Vision Council Corner paragraph and submit it to the office by this Wednesday.</i>
Adoption of Agenda (1 min)	Diana Ream motions to accept the agenda Mark Boyce seconds Unanimous approval	<i>Once adopted, attendees agree that no additional topics will be addressed.</i>
Approval of last month's minutes (3 min)	Stephanie Lundorff motions to accept the minutes Bob Boman seconds Unanimous approval	<i>Once approved, the secretary will make a pdf of the minutes and add it to the permanent church record.</i>
Pastor's Report (5 min)	Laura Bechard would like to host an event for young families this summer March 23rd is Parents Night Out 18 Lay Preachers are signed up. Letter regarding the Our Whole Lives	

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	<p>Program (O.W.L) has been sent out Eco Faith Summit will be held at First Lutheran in April. Opportunities to volunteer.</p> <p>Elevator Failed State Inspection First Lutheran had 50 people at the Chum fundraiser event, the most of any church. Suzanne Rauvola did a lot of inviting people.</p>	
Visioning Topic 1:		
Visioning Topic 2:		
<p>Treasurer's Report by Bob Boman (3 min)</p>	<p>The Finance Committee has not met recently. There will be an update at the April meeting</p>	
<p>Old Business Topic 1: Congregational Meeting follow-up (10-12 minutes)</p>	<p>How do you think it went/how did you feel about it? Where and how should we post the jeopardy answer materials - update the cards we had before?</p> <p>People liked the food at the meeting.</p> <p>Ask Candy Madich if she would be able to put people in church directory by groups they are in. If this works, can she teach other people how to do this so it can be continued?</p>	<p>Amy will make a resource sheet</p> <p>Stephanie Lundorff will have time to update online church directory in the summer</p>
<p>Old Business Topic 2: annual report review (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Pstr Dianne's requests: Please look at your section in the annual report-- what did you like? What is missing? What would you like to see?</p> <p>As liaisons could you see once a quarter gathering stories/photos from your ministries? Or if there is an event that falls under your ministry or under one of the executive committee's purview, could/would you think about getting a story? getting a comment? getting a photo to</p>	<p>Susanna Ojakangas likes organizing things like this</p>

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	<p>Ideally photos would be collected during the year Important to find quotes from different events. Example: "What is it that parents night out did for you?" Have a page in the annual report that says financial report</p> <p>Please email photos and quotes to annualstories@flcduluth.org</p>	
<p>Old Business Topic 3: update on intern (3 minutes)</p>	<p>Pastor Dianne has interviewed four people for the intern position. First Lutheran will have more information about the intern in the beginning of April.</p>	
<p>Old Business Topic 4: Vision Council's Lenten Meal on March 12th (5-6 minutes)</p>	<p>Lenten meal details. Vision Council is having a Potato Bar. Items to bring include: Potatoes, Bacon, Sour Cream, Cheese, Broccoli, Bell Peppers, Cilantro Dessert,</p> <p>There is currently work to find people to host several weeks of the meal.</p>	
<p>Old Business Topic 5: Ecofaith Summit - April 5th (2 min)</p>	<p>Wilmer Roballo will bring his driftwood sculptures to set up The event is one day. The church/event needs support in the kitchen, with clean up, childcare, and with tech</p>	
<p>Old Business Topic 6: Speaker Series - May 6th (2 min)</p>	<p>Educator from Simmons College coming to speak. Received a grant from the Unity Fund for the series</p>	
<p>New Business Topic 1: youth position candidate (5 min)</p>	<p>Pastor Dianne has talked with a person interested in the youth ministry position. They are a potential candidate</p>	

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New Business Topic 2: earplugs for homegrown (5 min)	Homegrown is April 27th to May 4th Diana Ream Motions to Approve First Lutheran ear plugs for homegrown Carson Schroeder seconds	
New Business Topic 3: Carson Schroeder is moving! Saying goodbye to Carson (7 min)	Goodbye, Carson! We will miss you!	
New Business Topic 4: Need replacement for Carson's Vision Council position & Synod Assembly delegate (4 min)	Kirsten Bich motions to accept a replacement for Carson Schroeder on the Vision Council, and at the Synod Assembly. Jodi Grebinoski seconds	Susanna Ojakangas will contact nominating committee
New Business Topic 5: Website update (1 min)	The website is almost done Has a potential to be ready mid-March	
Open Forum		
Next meeting: date, writer for prayers & Council Corner	Our next meeting is April 3rd at 6PM	Prayers, Devotion Leader, & Council Corner for March: Julie Samuelson
Reminders:		