

VISION COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting Date: Oct 3, 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:

1. Please read through the **last meeting's minutes** (click the link to read) and this agenda. We will not take time during the meeting to read these documents. You may click the Comments icon in the menu above if you have suggestions while reading them.
2. Please also read the assigned pages in **Baptized We Live - Living Lutheran** and come with a question to the meeting.

Agenda Topic	Discussion Notes/Minutes	Follow-Up Actions
Devotions & Prayer <i>Baptized We Live - Living Lutheran</i> - pages 2 & 3	catholic church means united church Discussion about what the council thinks is the most Lutheran hymn Kirsten Bich ends this section by leading the council in prayer	Read pages 4 and 5. Pick up in your mailbox if you have not. Kirsten Bich will write the vision council corner by next Wednesday.
Adoption of Agenda	Mark Boyce motions to adopt Bob Boman seconds Unanimous Approval	<i>Once adopted, attendees agree that no additional topics will be addressed.</i>
Approval of last month's minutes	Jodi Grebinoski motions to approve Carson Schroeder 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	Participating in an Eco-Preacher Cohort with people from all over the world who are involved with creation care ministries	

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	<p>Confirmation Sunday will be on October 27th during the 8:30 Service. There will be 27 new members joining during the 11AM service that day. We give thanks that people are being drawn to and by the gospel to this faith community.</p> <p>Leadership team to lead eco-faith summit</p> <p>FLC Foundation has a speaker lined up for May 6th</p> <p>Mark Holmen is leading a discussion about voting on Thursday October 10th. Young Adults will go to this instead of their usual gathering.</p> <p>17 youth in confirmation.</p> <p>Have only taken one extra week of vacation. Will take the week after Christmas off. May need to put 2 weeks into next year.</p>	
<p><u>Visioning Topic 1: Young Families</u> What are we going to do to incorporate young families?</p>	<p>One way to incorporate young families is through Lefse Making. Preparation for the Lefse Run. Kids enjoy making lefse, and this also has a purpose. Run will be on December 14th. Start making Lefse on November 3rd. Different groups sign up to help at different times.</p> <p>Figure out how to get children more involved in worship services.</p> <p>Get four people from vision council to meet with young families and ask what they are looking for in a faith community</p> <p>Diana Ream is going to pray, and consider being a coordinator to organize nursery staff. Need Sunday</p>	<p>Talk to 1 or 2 young families and ask “what are you looking for from a church community?”</p> <p>Doodle Poll for a babysitting night Pastor Dianne</p> <p>Susanna will make a giant sign on colored paper</p>

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	School Teacher for 2 and 3 yr old.	
<p><u>Visioning Topic 2: Being a Welcoming Church to Guests</u> Susanna had a disappointing contact with a guest on 9-22. There was a guest whom nobody spoke to while they were in the gathering space, or when they went to get coffee. What can we do to ensure this doesn't happen again?</p>	<p>"I'm so sorry, but I don't think I know you! What is your name?"</p> <p>Find ways to get outside comfort zone</p> <p>Even if it isn't our official volunteer "job" if a visitor asks a person a question that we do not know, a better answer than "i don't know" is "I'm not sure, but I would love to help you figure this out!" Be intentional and help find an answer</p> <p>Remember this is evangelism. It can make or break a church experience for a person</p>	<p>Help greet. We need to keep being intentional.</p> <p>Get name, contact info.</p> <p>Go down and get banana bread on Sunday mornings.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report: Bob Boman</p>	<p>The Finance Committee did not meet this month.</p>	
<p><u>Old Business Topic 1:</u> Nursery Scheduler to organize and keep the schedule</p>		
<p><u>Old Business Topic 2:</u> Clarification of VC member Liaison Committee assignments and action teams under each ministry area</p>	<p>We all have a sheet that explains the roles, and the action teams. Role is to be the communicator.</p>	<p>Carson Schroeder will check in with Kalie about racial justice team and report back</p>
<p><u>Old Business Topic 3:</u> Archive Committee display case request They have funds to pay for it. Will display historical FLC artifacts that are not easily digitized like really old Bibles.</p>	<p>In a location where contents can easily be rotated in and out</p> <p>Discussed the idea that the glass case be tall (rather than wide) with a footprint of around two feet square and be on wheels for flexibility.</p> <p>(UMD has several around this size.)</p>	<p>Suggestion: Julie Samuelson (Stewardship) will talk to Archive Committee representative Brenda Sproat</p> <p>Archives will contact Tim Johsonn at Northern Acrylics regarding design</p>

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Old Business Topic 4: Volunteer Coordinator and Youth Leader	Several people have reached out to people they know regarding the youth position but Dianne did not hear back	Think about potential candidates for these positions.
Old Business Topic 5:	Julie Gatten was hired as the Assistant Office Administrator (part time)	
New Business Topic 1:		
New Business Topic 2:		
Open Forum		
Next meeting: date, writer for prayers & Council Corner	Next Meeting will be on Thursday November 7th from 6-8PM. Julie Samuleson will lead next month.	
Reminders:		Please read the minutes when you get them.