

## VISION COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting Date: Feb 5, 2026 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### In Attendance:

- ☒ Pastor Dianne Loufman
- ☒ Pastor Andrea Bonneville DeNaples
- ☒ President Diana Ream
- ☒ Vice President Beth Ann Johnson
- ☒ Past President Susanna Ojakangas
- ☒ Secretary Rachel Johnson
- ☒ Treasurer Bob Boman
- ☒ Amy Merchant
- ☒ Stephanie Lundorff
- ☒ Miranda Oliphant
- ☒ Jeff Karlgaard
- ☐ Tim Climis

**Preparation for meeting:** Please read through the last meeting's minutes (links sent in email) and this agenda. We will not take time during the meeting to read these documents. Click the Comments icon if you have suggestions while reading them.

| Agenda Topic                     | Discussion Notes/Minutes                                                               | Follow-Up Actions                                                                                             |
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| Devotions & Prayer               | Jeff Karlgaard offered devotions.                                                      |                                                                                                               |
| Adoption of Agenda               | Motion to approve by Bob Boman. Second by Jeff Karlgaard. The motion passed.           | <i>Once adopted, attendees agree that no additional topics will be addressed.</i>                             |
| Approval of last month's minutes | Motion to approve by Susanna Ojakangas. Second by Beth Ann Johnson. The motion passed. | <i>Once approved, the secretary will make a pdf of the minutes and add it to the permanent church record.</i> |

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| <p><b>Pastor Dianne's Report</b></p> | <p>People responded well to the baptismal cards that were handed out in service. A couple even sent them to their college age children.</p> <p>Paul Robinson will do workshops on puppet making for Easter Vigil. Zion Lutheran will join us in the puppet making and for Easter Vigil.</p> <p>Kelly Cossey has submitted a letter of resignation effective in September.</p> <p>Motion to accept Kelly Cossey's resignation by Susanna Ojakangas. Second by Miranda Oliphant. The motion passes.</p> |                   |
| <p><b>Pastor Andrea's Report</b></p> | <p>Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry has an acting executive director and no program director. They are also looking for cooks.</p> <p>We need VLM delegates: Haakon Nelson and Vic Krause might be willing to serve.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |

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| <b>Visioning Topic 1: Teams Update - Goals</b> | <p>Communication- Stephanie Lundorff, Bob Boman and Rachel Johnson</p> <p>Adult confirmation- Pastor Dianne and Miranda Oliphant<br/>Tami D. is interested in being involved with this.</p> <p>Adulting- Tim Climis, Amy Merchant and Pastor Andrea</p> <p>Costa Rica- Jeff Karlgaard and Beth Ann Johnson</p> <p>Community Meal-Susanna Ojakangas and Diana Ream<br/>They will make a 12 month plan and seek donations for the non perishables. The shopping lists will be generated so that someone could come in and take over if needed.</p> | <p>A member from each goal team will lead a table at the Annual Meeting to discuss the goal areas.</p> |

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| <b>Treasurer's Report - Bob Boman</b> | <p>We ended up with a positive balance for 2025 of slightly more than \$50,000.</p> <p>Motion to accept the financial report with changes to the 2025 Mission Support Plan paragraph to correct the figures by Rachel Johnson.<br/>Second by Stephanie Lundroff.<br/>The motion passed.</p> <p>Surplus funds of \$54,757: Should we pay off our Foundation loan of \$35,000 or should we hold the funds?</p> <p>We may need to hold onto the funds to help with additional staffing needs.</p> <p>We have \$205,000 in checking and savings.</p> <p>We can wait until June when our \$12,500 plus interest installment is due to the Foundation to decide if we should pay this debt in full. By then we'll know what the staffing needs will be.</p> | <p>Pastor Dianne will communicate the changes to Kelly Cossey so that the corrected report will be ready for the Annual Meeting.</p> |

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| <b>Old Business Topic 1:<br/>Annual Meeting</b>            | <p>Bagels, cream cheese, and fruit (grapes and cuties) will be served at the meeting.</p> <p>The Foundation would like time to speak at the annual meeting.</p> <p>The treasurer's report will need 5 minutes.</p> <p>There will be a board for people to indicate interest in leadership positions.</p> <p>Someone will ask for nominations from the floor for the nominating committee. We need two more. Brian Nelson is willing.</p> | <p>Beth Ann Johnson and Amy Merchant will help with care packages at 7:50 Sunday morning.</p> <p>Jeff Karlgaard will buy 75 bagels, different flavors of cream cheese, OJ and fruit. He'll have the food at church by 8:00 AM on Sunday.</p> <p>Diana Ream will help cut bagels.</p> <p>Pastor Dianne will ask Mary Streufert if she will promote the nominating committee and get volunteers from the floor.</p> |
| <b>Old Business Topic 2:<br/>Homeless Encampment</b>       | <p>Nate Kesti can't serve this area. He serves the downtown area.</p> <p>The individuals who have been camped out seem to be gone and we will dispose of the things they left.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Pastor Dianne will ask Duane Sieger to remove the camping items.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Old Business Topic 3:<br/>Global RefugeFund Raising</b> | <p>May 3 from 4-6 will be the auction for Wilmer Roballo's work. There will be wine and cheese. Vicki Schmidt, whose husband is a pastor in Bigfork and Pastor Sarah Stadler from First Lutheran in Aiken are partnering with the event. Pastor Sarah will try to get a retired auctioneer from her congregation to help. The piece is called Angel Gabriel.</p>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Old Business Topic 4:<br/>Information Fair</b>          | <p>Dawn Boman sent an update to liaisons on who will be involved at the tables from each team. She is seeking a map of the upper commons.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Liaisons please tell your teams to make their own posters.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Old Business Topic 5: Child Safety</b>     | The Beloved Child Task Force will review, create and recommend policies and procedures that promote the safety, dignity, equity, and well-being of every child, ensuring best practices are implemented consistently and compassionately throughout the ministry of First Lutheran Church.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Pastor Andrea will find 7 members to serve on the task force. |
| <b>Old Business Topic 6: Palm Sunday Path</b> | This event will be Palm Sunday afternoon.<br>A room is reserved at the DECC to gather and there will be a march.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                               |
| <b>New Business Topic 1: Junberry Table</b>   | <p>This is a group that holds a weekly dinner. They have had about 170 people to eat and gather for announcements. Then they break into groups to focus on different topics. Then they come back together to gather in neighborhood groups.</p> <p>This is an evolving partnership that began with trust built with some of the leaders during the Palestinian Fundraiser.</p> <p>The Pastors will speak about this at the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Wednesday night meetings could be a conflict during Lent. In answer to this, we could have a joint dinner from 5:00-5:50 and the Lenten service starting at 6:00. The service could be one of the breakout groups for Juneberry's Table. The groups that were planning to host dinner could make treats for after service to put in the Gathering Space.</p> <p>The Juneberry's Table members are working to help make signs to save parking spots for choir members on Wednesday evenings to help with the crowded parking lot.</p> |                                                               |

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| <b>New Business Topic 2: SHP Project proposal</b>                  | <p>Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group that makes beds and provides the bedding for kids who don't have beds. Children are not allowed to help during the building event because of the power tools. The group would like to host something here this spring.</p> <p>Motion to accept the SHP request by Jeff Karlgaard. Second by Bob Boman. The motion passed.</p> |                                                            |
| <b>New Business Topic 3: Ministry Team updates</b>                 | Tabled to the next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                            |
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| <b>Open Forum</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                            |
| <b>Next meeting: date, writer for prayers &amp; Council Corner</b> | March 5, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tim Climis will plan devotions on p 67-82 of Serviceberry. |
| <b>Reminders:</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                            |