

VISION COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting Date: Apr 9, 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
Devotions & Prayer	Miranda Oliphant offered devotions on p. 85-105 of The Serviceberry.	
Adoption of Agenda	Motion to accept the agenda by Stephanie Lundorff. 2nd by Bob Boman Motion passes	<i>Once adopted, attendees agree that no additional topics will be addressed.</i>
Approval of last month's minutes	Motion to approve March minutes by Tim Climis. 2nd Susanna Ojakangas Motion passes	<i>Once approved, the secretary will make a pdf of the minutes and add it to the permanent church record.</i>
Pastor's Report	Julie Gatten put together a bulletin board for stewardship. Fill out a water drop. 45 people from First Lutheran participating in the Eco Faith Summit	
Associate Pastor's Report	Working with Juneberry Table. Young adults are independently meeting. They may transition to a	

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	gardening group. Paws and People - The last weekend in May First Lutheran will host a pop up clinic for pets and their people. Vet students, med students and social work students from UMD will be working with this program. Beloved child task force will hopefully meet in May. We need to look at adult to child ratios during Middle School/Confirmation. We need a core group of 5 adults to support these programs. Clergy tax - Pastor Andrea needs to change her housing allowance to more accurately report her income for tax purposes. Motion by Stephanie Lundorff to formally designate Pastor Andrea's housing allowance as of April 9, 2026: Base salary \$4813.13 Housing Salary \$55,000 2nd by Rachel Johnson Motion passed.	
Visioning Topic 1: Updates from Community Meal and Costa Rica	Community meal: It's been going well. Last time there were 11 volunteers. That was plenty. Some were regulars and some were new. They served 85 meals. There is not an accurate count of guests. How can this project be turned over to someone else? We can plan ahead but we need the person who is comfortable being the leader. A possible leader was suggested. The Juneberry group is going through a similar struggle with expanding their leadership to make the meal preparation more sustainable.	Amy Merchant is willing to help clean out the pantry. This week a request to the Juneberry group and the Community Meal leadership will go out to help as well.

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	The pantry needs to be organized in cooperation with the Juneberry group. Pastor Andrea suggested renaming the kitchen the “Community Kitchen”. Costa Rica: Jeff Karlgaard and Pastor Andrea tried to set up an adult forum to share information. The Mission to Costa Rica leaders are not interested in partnering with First Lutheran due to the church’s Reconciling in Christ status.	
Treasurer’s Report - Bob Boman	Bob Boman shared a combination of February and March financial information. At this point we are \$64,788 in the black. However we have not paid out benevolences and the furnace bill. We have basically 4 months worth of cash on hand to pay bills. We are still scheduled to get covid money from the government. There have been delays and we do not have a time table for when these funds will arrive.	
Old Business Topic 1: SHP Project Grant Request	The Foundation approved the grant at a reduced amount. It was about \$4000 and was based on SHP leaders saying it would be ok to reduce the funds.	
Old Business Topic 2: ECO Faith Summit Update	See Pastor’s report	
Old Business Topic 3: Global Refuge Fundraising Update	Pastor Dianne shared a grant request in the amount of \$1950 to support the event. Motion to approve the grant proposal as written and submit it to the FLC Foundation by Tim Climis 2nd by Stephanie Lundorff Motion passed.	

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	Angelo Decaro and Jerry Granmo from Super One Liquor are the wine supplies for the event. Jerry Granmo said he'd be the auctioneer. The posters are ordered and posted.	
New Business Topic 1: Sale of Chiropractic Clinic in parking lot and how to proceed.	The clinic contacted the church to gauge interest in buying the property. We need to pick a date for a congregational meeting to discuss a possible purchase. The congregational meeting will be May 3rd between services.	Paul Kilgore, a congregation member and real estate attorney, will meet with Pastor Dianne to advise on how to proceed.
New Business Topic 2: Review & thoughts on Holy Week	The altar was beautiful on Easter and the message was meaningful. The music was unbelievable. The 11:00 service had generous offering donations. There were about 300 people at the first service and 178 at the second service. Pictures were shared from the Palm Sunday Path.	
Open Forum	Stephanie Lundorff shared a link to an event with Robin Wall Kimmerer.	
Next meeting: date, writer for prayers & Council Corner	May 7, 2026 Susanna Ojakangas will lead devotions.	
Reminders:		