

# Council Meeting Minutes

The Holy Love Council meeting held via Zoom on June 18th, 2024

## Attendees:

Ashley Noyd (Council President), Eric Hermanson, Harry Laubach, Carol Smith, Pastor Brittany Kooi, Melissa Waples, Lindy Whitney

## Minutes:

1. Call to Order: **The meeting started at 7:03pm.**
2. Opening Devotion (Eric Hermanson) - reading from his mother's book, *The Raspberry Kingdom*.
  - a. Laura Flynn to do July devotion.
3. Roll Call: 8 members present for the meeting.
4. Open Discussion for Congregation: No attendants from congregation
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. December Council Minutes - not available, roll over to next meeting.
  - b. **A motion to approve May 2024 Council Minutes** was made by Harry Laubach, seconded by Eric Hermanson. **The motion was carried unanimously.**
6. Committee/Task Force Reports
  - a. Pastor's Report (Pastor Brittany Kooi)
    - i. God's Work, Our Hands upcoming September 8th - partnership with All Saints. Melissa Waples to lead that effort.
    - ii. Outdoor worship service for outside of the church set for August 11th. Hospitality committee met and proposal to Council members to provide the meat for a cookout after the service and property team to grill (church grills to be checked for propane). Average attendance is about 30-40 people. Noyds to provide Costco food for that day (burgers, hot dogs, buns) — check Church kitchen for condiments.
    - iii. Synod responses shared with the Council after feedback from VRSM.
    - iv. Grants Task Force - submittals by Property (FEMA) and Faithful Families Grant

- v. Feedback on quarterly newsletter in addition to eNews—would be a physical copy as well as digital (not mailed). Perhaps worth having more long-term vision on dates. Recommended Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct.
  - b. Property (Ed Truett not present)
    - i. Items addressed in pastor’s report/Old Business
  - c. Finance (Lindy Whitney)
    - i. Pastor Brittany inquired about getting on Venmo as a giving option. Melissa Waples had some issues in registering as an entity - Pastor Brittany provided guidance for which church email to use.
    - ii. Concern regarding snow removal bills have not yet been received — invoice has not been received. Preschool has a line item in their own budget for their FY, ending next month. Need to connect with Steve Knuth to determine whether he has received the invoice.
  - d. Preschool (Pastor Brittany Kooi)
    - i. Fully staffed for fall. Openings in every class
  - e. Christian Education (Laura Flynn)
    - i. Current focus is day camp.
    - ii. Seven confirmation campers going to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Youth group up to 18 kids.
  - f. Worship & Music
    - i. See Pastor’s report
  - g. Personnel (Ashley Noyd)
    - i. Custodial position update: independent contractor was preferred over a church employee. As an independent contractor, this should go back to Property committee
    - ii. Need proof of workman’s comp insurance (note for the legal contributions)
7. Old Business
- a. Review open Action Items from 05/2024 Meeting
    - i. **A motion was made to approve the Council proclamation** recognizing efforts of 50th Anniversary by Melissa Waples, seconded by Laura Flynn. Recommendation to display framed on Narthex, printed copies to the named parties in the Proclamation. **The motion carried unanimously.**
    - ii. Review of VRSM living document - to be printed in July and posted in bulletin space.
    - iii. Property Modification Form - not yet provided by property

- b. Document Revisions Review
  - i. Constitution: No additional changes/updates; will send to Beth Whitney for a ready-for-ratification version.
  - ii. Facility Usage Form - does not require congregational approval; only needs to be approved by Council. Potentially something that should be announced in eNews/newsletter/in service.
  - iii. Property Modification Form - does not require congregational approval; only needs to be approved by Council. Potentially something that should be announced in eNews/newsletter/in service.
  - iv. By-Laws - must be ratified by congregation.
- 8. New Business
  - a. Carol Smith discussed establishment of new Hospitality committee (spearheading the post-worship picnic) - request to have a craft show November 16th to raise money for Worship & Music supplies (new white paraments). Potential to overlap with All Saints.
- 9. Closing Blessing (Pastor Brittany Kooi)
- 10. Adjournment
  - a. **A motion was made to close the meeting** by Carol Smith, seconded by Laura Flynn. **The motion carried unanimously.**
  - b. Meeting was closed at 8:08 pm.

Next Meeting Date: July 16th, 2024, 7pm (Zoom)

| Task   | Assignee             | Due Date                     |
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| December Council minutes   | Laura Flynn          | July 16, 2024 (next meeting) |
| Send Council Proclamation and May Minutes to Lori for publishing | Ashley Noyd          | July 16, 2024 (next meeting) |
| Print Council Proclamation for posting/distribution              | Pastor Brittany Kooi |                              |
| Needs/Wish List Google Form for Committees                       | Pastor Brittany Kooi |                              |
| First Draft of Property  | Property Committee   | July 16, 2024 (next meeting) |

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| Modification Form                     |                 |                              |
| Additional review of Holy Love Bylaws | Council Members | July 16, 2024 (next meeting) |