



HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING – October 18, 2022

In attendance: Pr. Brittany Kooi, Darryl Harvey, Eric Hermanson, Greg Boynton, Roger Collins, Jean Roenfeldt, Pr. Harry Laubach, Brian Last, Melissa Waples, Lauren Kennedy

Members absent: Debbie Anderson

Call to order: Darryl Harvey

Opening devotion: Eric Hermanson provided a devotion on hospitality.

August and September minutes have yet to be provided to the council.

Pastor's Report provided by Pr. Brittany Kooi

1. Second successful All-Stars event was held with additional attendees from the Mission Viejo neighborhood
2. Holy Love's 50th Anniversary is, in fact, Spring of 2024 (not 2023 as suggested previously)
3. Current Safe Haven practice is to automatically renew members in good standing who initially consented to background check.

MOTION to discontinue the automatic renewal of Safe Haven background checks, and instead require volunteers to fill out new background check consent forms upon the expiration (every 3 years):

PROPOSED by Jean Roenfeldt and Melissa Waples

SECONDED by Eric Hermanson

APPROVED unanimously

4. Bishop Gonja will be hosting a Synod Town Hall Event entitled "From Worry to Wonder"
 - a. Saturday, 11/19, from 10am – 12pm
 - b. Part of the Bishop's "Church Becoming" vision
 - c. Pastor Brittany highly encourages (and will buy lunch for) all who attend!

More items not highlighted during the meeting can be found in the [Pastor's Report for October, 2022](#).

Old Business

1. Worship Protocols
 - a. No changes to be made at this time.
2. Media
 - a. Darryl gathering quotes for Live Streaming.
 - b. [Media Manager's report for October](#) includes viewership analysis and take aways from Holy Love's YouTube traffic.
3. Indonesian church proposal is on hold while Synod and Indonesian church work out their issues
4. Amazon Smile is still unresponsive.
 - a. Darryl continues to follow up.
5. Development of Staff Reviews are in progress.
6. First preliminary budget has been created but does not include pledges so subject to large changes. Includes 75% of committees reporting.
 - a. Final numbers likely won't be ready until December (and will depend on Stewardship campaign, see below)

New Business

1. [VRSM Mission and Vision Reports](#) presented to council and received favorably.

Mission Statement: *In a divided and disconnected world, we fervently believe that our shared humanity is grounded in Christ's unconditional love. God's infinite grace and mercy drives us to replace anger, judgment, and loneliness with love, forgiveness, and belonging.*

Vision Statement: *Holy Love will be a catalyst of spiritual restoration, uniting a community in Christ.*

MOTION to accept Mission and Vision statement as presented by VRSM:

Proposed by Lauren Kennedy

Seconded by Brian Last

Approved unanimously

2. Stewardship
 - a. Will be using a program "Transformed by Grace"
 - b. Begins with an e-blast on Grace, Faith, and Love
 - c. Commitment Sunday set for November 20th (will last 3 Sundays)
 - d. Will include pledge cards, etc.
 - e. Time and Talent will need to be revisited in January
3. Council Next Year
 - a. Darryl will be reaching out to Council Members who are eligible for re-election to ask for their intent
 - b. Pastor Brittany gave a reminder that personal recruitment is a large element of Council membership
4. Teams Report: Property
 - a. Property has been exploring the costs and logistics surrounding a new digital sign.
 - b. Council requests to review the Church's insurance policy to ensure that a sign would be covered.
 - c. Plan to raise this at the annual meeting in January.
5. "Next Door" App Advertising
 - a. Raised as a possible form of outreach.
 - b. Further exploration needed

[Financial Reports](#) and [October Finance Minutes](#) were provided to council by Jean Roenfeldt via email.

Pastor Brittany provided the Closing Blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm. Next meeting will be held on November 16, 2022.

Submitted by Greg Boynton, Council Secretary

***"Holy Love Evangelical Lutheran Church is to proclaim and live
the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ as we gather for worship and study,
scatter for witness and service to our neighbors."***