

Charity Lutheran Church  
Meeting Minutes  
Vision Council General Session  
December 20, 2022

**Members Present:**

Staff: Pastor Brad, Doug Leet

Vision Council: Mike Fluharty, Craig Lohstreter, Deb Uline, John Seedorf, Pam Miller

Treasurer: Dallas Sailer

Special Guest: Curt & LuElla Dahme

Call Committee: None

- I. Mike called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.
  - a. Approval of agenda with addition to new business
- II. Mike opened with scripture reading 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 & prayer.
- III. Special Guests
  - a. Questions on the service times
    - i. On Agenda
  - b. Membership roster
    - i. On Agenda
  - c. Questions on how Church moved from governing documents.
    - i. Vision Council explained different ways that Lutheran Theology has been moved away from.
    - ii. Charity Lutheran has planted 4 different churches, which accounts for a congregation that is smaller than it was 5 years ago.
  - d. Internal struggles of Vision Council
    - i. Drawing a line to follow and promote the governing documents.
- IV. Treasury
  - a. Dallas reported that November income was \$47,759.10. November actual expenses were \$66,925.35. November income was \$19,166.25 under the actual expenses.
- V. Administrators report
  - a. 2023 Budget.
    - i. Overview of 2023 Budget
      1. John made motion to approve, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>.
        - a. Motion passed (5-0)

b. Investigation & Legal status update

a. Closed as of today.

VI. Pastor Brad

a. Ukraine Update

i. Trip went well, lots of aid. Charity Congregation went above and beyond with financial aid and prayer.

b. Meeting with Pastor Fruhling.

i. Pastor Fruhling talked about that; Conflict resolution won't work if everyone doesn't want to make the conflict work.

c. Will be attending Lombard Mennonite Peace Center meditation training.

d. Benevolence committee will be looking at criteria for distribution closer to our Lutheran theology going forward.

e. Youth Program

i. Nathaniel has moved into leading the youth program till a new youth coordinator is hired.

1. Deb made motion to approve increase up to 30 hrs. average per week as needed, Craig 2<sup>nd</sup>.

a. Approved 5-0

VII. Meeting minutes for review/approval

a. November 15, 2022, Minutes, Deb motion made to approve minutes with corrections, Craig seconded; Approved 5 – 0

VIII. Old Business

a. Membership Roster

i. 210 Retained

ii. 57 Remove

iii. 330 No Response

b. John motion made that all members not highlighted on spreadsheet dated 12-20-2022, will be reviewed to receive a letter for removal from the roster of confirmed voting disciples of Charity Lutheran Church. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> (See attached list)

i. Motion Passed (5-0)

IX. New Business

i. Vision Council Appointment (as vacated by Becky Dohrmann)

1. Matt Kaldor

a. Craig made motion to accept for the remainder of Becky Dohrmann's last 2 years, Pam 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- i. Motion Passed (5-0)
  - ii. Treasurer Position
    - 1. Will advertise in Sunday Bulletin and January Newsletter.
  - iii. Annual Meeting Agenda
  - iv. Services
    - 1. Craig made motion to move to once service starting Jan. 15, 2023, John 2<sup>nd</sup>.
      - a. Motion passed (5-0)
- X. Next meeting date
  - a. January 8, 2023, annual Meeting
    - i. January 17, 2023
      - 1. Meal will be Pam.
- XI. Closing prayer – Mike closed the meeting in prayer.
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*John W. Seedorf*

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Vision Council Secretary