

Charity Lutheran Church
Vision Council Minutes
Tuesday August 21st, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present

Staff: Doug Leet, Pastor Scott Bauman

Vision Council: Aaron Edland, Dallas Sailer, Deb Uline, Barb Weaver, Nancy Jensen, Rob Bauer

Special Guest(s):

Barb called the meeting to order, updated the agenda, the group talked about individual prayer requests, and Pastor Scott opened the meeting in prayer. The meeting agenda was approved.

1. Prayer Requests

The following existing bulletin prayer list was approved:

- *Thank and praise God for His generous outpouring of love on His people of Charity...for making Himself known through His son Jesus; for the provision of our wonderful pastors and staff.*
- *Thanks for the new families and individuals joining us at Charity and for the many members who serve quietly and generously.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in every decision made at Charity including the development and implementation of a Vision that places Charity on the road whose course is set by our Lord.*
- *Holy Spirit, we welcome you. Make us into the Church you want us to be so that all may know Jesus and His love.*
- *Prayers for God's solutions to the difficulties and challenges facing Charity at this time and trusting that His Will be done.*
- *Thanksgiving for safety during Charity's youth trips and events.*
- *Pray for the success of ongoing congregational and youth events/ministries.*
- *Lift up new Charity disciples and pray for good stewardship in church growth.*
- *Offer congregational prayers for our State and communities as they address changes occurring within its jurisdictions.*
- *Pray for our awesome staff and the good work they do. Prayers for unity and working together as a team.*
- *Prayers for continued growth of our worship services.*
- *Pray for guidance for the congregation and our leadership as we submit to the Great Commission in all ways including ministry support and community outreach.*
- *Pray for the persecuted church around the world!*

2. Staff Reports –

Pastor Scott

- a. Andrew Hershey started last week.
- b. Staff has been sharing themselves with video on Sunday mornings. Hopefully it's creating familiarity between staff and with the congregation.
- c. Staff is continuing to use the "Orange" curriculum to keep more consistency with the kids as they grow.
- d. WOW and Shift fall planning has been in the works. Shift is Sunday night programming. The emphasis will be on high school, college and young adult worship which will include more sharing and spontaneous worship. The sermons will be shorter and include more testimonies, songs, and prayer than a standard service. The sermons will be separate from WOW and Sunday morning topics. Sam will provide oversight of the service, but Andrew Hershey and Landon Schmeichel lead the Shift planning and execution, Landon as worship leader and Andrew the speaker. Luke Torgerson will be leading Sunday morning, Connect Kids Sunday afternoon and WOW.
- e. Scott has been working with Shelly on Lifelong Learning. The series this year will be the David Jeremiah series "Life Beyond Amazing", which deal with the Fruits of the Spirit. Class will be Monday with Small Groups. The Sunday sermons will reflect the Study.
- f. The WOW theme this year will be "Launch". In the King James Version of John, it states "Launch out into deeper water", growing deeper in the faith.
- g. Connect Kids has need to recruit, organize and utilize volunteers for Sunday afternoon.

3. Financial Report - Dallas gave the report.

- a. July income was \$80,003, which is \$36,821 under budget and \$12,406 under actual expenses for the month. July 2018 income was \$5,500 under July 2017 income.
- b. Annual 2018 income through July is \$677,416, which is \$23,621 under budget and \$44,210 under actual expenses for the year. Annual 2018 income is \$40,551 over 2017 income.
- c. The group reviewed the Dedicated Account balances through July 2018.
- d. People have donated toward a new sound system for the sanctuary.

Note: Charity Lutheran's monthly financial report is available for review, by members of the congregation, in the office. Please contact Doug Leet or Judy Smith to review.

4. Administrative Report – Doug reported.

- a. Doug has updated the Contribution Policy and presented it to the Vision Council. There was group discussion about the verbiage change from "administrated" to "supported". Deb motioned to approve the updated policy, Aaron seconded. Approved by all.
- b. Doug, Dallas, Judy, Smith, Jess and Sam will work on revising the Spending Policy.
- c. Last year Charity changed the insurance carrier from HUB to Lutheran Trust, whose parent company is Guide One. Doug was able to obtain a general safety policy from their risk assessment evaluation that can be used as a baseline for the new Safety Policy. Scott, Doug, John Samuelson, Jerry Walz, Derek Hill, and Nancy Jensen will be the Safety Policy Team.
- d. The buses have been used frequently this summer for Amazing Greys and other ministries.
- e. Dallas and Doug will start 2019 budget planning tomorrow. Their goal is to have an initial draft for the September meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. July 2018 Meeting Minutes: Approved as revised.

6. New Business - None

The regular meeting ended at 7:25 p.m. Scott closed the meeting in prayer. The next regular meeting will be September 18th at 5:30 p.m. Deb will provide the food in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Edland - Vision Council Secretary