

## **Vision Council Minutes**

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth, MN

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:00pm

--Upper Lakeside Room --

**Vision Council Members Present:** Dave Larsen, Melissa Bergman, Cyndi Venberg, Craig Bursch, Bob Franseen, Cole Peterson, Spenser Miller, and Pastor Lisa Buchanan

I. Call Meeting to Order- Dave called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

2. Opening Prayer/Devotions - Dave

3. Approve agenda

- Bob moved to approve the agenda. Cyndi seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the agenda as amended.

4. Approve Minutes of May 27, 2025 VC meeting

- Craig moved to approve the minutes and Cole seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes from the May 27th meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Net total for the YTD is \$12,9191.43 So we are still holding steady for the year.
- Pledged was slightly above what we budgeted for the month but we are still \$8,552 under budget.
- We are ahead of budget for unpledged still by \$11,426.
- YTD to date budgeted receipts are at \$193,175.39 which is only short of the expected budgeted total(\$195,939.11) by \$2,763.72.
- The high technology cost is due to the purchase of a new computer for Christine (This included the cost of the laptop \$1228.32 + \$415 for labor).
- Under the Building Repairs and Maintenance-Other line in the detailed statement, this includes \$618.95 spent to spray for dandelions and \$1,786.47 for the roof repairs that insurance gave us a check for back in January.
- The cost for that last section insurance is covering to replace was \$18,350.13.
- One more noted expense line is the Parish Outreach line. The \$701.02 amount spent here is for another dish rack dolly and we ordered new coffee pots (4 of the 100 cups and 2 of the 50 cups).

6. Pastor's Report

A. Administration

- MOTION: Turn two upstairs bathrooms into single use/all-gender with Koala Care changing table in one (moved from nursery)
- Staff reviews to be completed by mid to end of July
- Request for music room to be moved to former nursery

- Alison Kilpo, Growing Little Loves, interested in expanding her art therapy to youth and adults and paying rent for current music room and adjoining room
- Sabbatical proposal from Katie
- Proposed grant for music ministry at LCGS denied by ELCA, no desire to pursue
- Proposed vision for Parker to expand music ministry
- Working on adding new logo to all communications
- Dumpster picked up on Monday and Purge is complete
- Brian Fischer looking into a quote to replace sound system
- Library being updated and organized by genre, with Barns & Noble-like recommendations to follow
- NEED: Person to clean (only) bi-weekly OR quarterly congregation-led deep cleans

#### B. Pastoral Care/Education

- Enneagram Workshop by Karen Carlsen on Wednesday, August 14th from 5-8 (\$875 total program cost)
- Summer walking group- Wednesdays at 9a., starting June 11
- Outdoor Worship on July 20th (Lake Superior Day)- acoustic music, attendees bring chairs and worship will be on the east lawn.

### 7. Old Business

A. Review and discuss our thoughts on the direction our congregation ought to take, with the idea of gaining a consensus!

- Strong Intergenerational Ministry
- Good Neighbor “All Are Welcome”
- Devotion to the basics of Christian fellowship
- Some good starting points included: Intentional Intergenerational Congregation rooted in Ancient traditions trying to be a good welcoming neighbor today.

### 8. New Business

A. No new business

### 9. Schedule next meeting(s) and devotions

- Tuesday, July 8th 6:00- Craig (Operational meeting and continue work on the charge statement)
- Council will be present at the day camp family worship on June 18th and then meet that night to continue working on the charge statement.

### 10. Lord's Prayer and adjournment