

## Hope Lutheran Church Council – May 9, 2022

**“As God’s people, abounding in hope, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ”**

### **Call to Order @18:31**

**Roll Call:** Bob Klimpke, Allison Martinson, Leanne O’Brian, Sue Tietz, Carol Mohr, Mary Luhman-Turner, Terrie Hanke, Pastor Mary Erickson

**Glimpses of God:** Robin’s nest with 4 eggs; Mark Turner’s solo on “He Never Failed Me”

**Devotion:** Henry Nouwen – Keep Your Eyes Fixed on Jesus: “When God dwells in the center of the storm, the storm is less frightening and you can live with trust that in the midst of darkness you will be led to a place of joy and peace.”

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sue T / Mary L-T - Passed

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Treasurer’s Report:** Continuing to work on report formats. Monthly \$1,000 for Capital Improvement expenditures has not been transferred from general fund yet this year. With 8 months remaining, we’ll divide \$12,000 by 8 months and transfer \$1,500 into Capital Improvement thru the end of the year to keep with our goal of setting funds aside for aging building issues. We are connecting with a Quick Book Trainer. The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Motion accept report by Carol M / Mary L-T - Passed

### **Old Business:**

- **Priorities from SWOT Analysis:** 1) Growing Young: To grow in empathy toward younger people (age 15-29) look back at your own life. 2) Active Outreach to the Community: Considering a joint effort between Airport Neighborhood Association and Hope for a late summer block party. This would align with our goal of conducting two or three community outreach events. Ideas: Picnic with Food trucks, Games for kids and inviting neighborhood businesses to participate. Nest steps - Staff will discuss at weekly meeting. Form a committee to work with the Airport Neighborhood Association
- **Synod Assembly Report:** Theme - Taking It To The Streets - Becoming a Public Church. Congregations encouraged to have intentional conversations about loving our neighbors - Black, Indigenous and Persons of Color using the synod Racial Justice and Equity Statement along with relationship building resources of Neighbor to Neighbor.
- **Refinishing Doors and Servicing Hardware:** Campaign Lunched to sponsor a door for \$250 and contribute to water mitigation costs. Contributions have been generous and are much appreciated.
- **Update on Joan Wolf Funds:** The fund has been split and transferred into three conservative higher yield investment portfolios.
- **Staff Transition to Cover Congregation Life Activities –** Grace Lenhart and Jim Newman are leading Encounter Hope for the month of May. There will be a summer break and ideas for the fall will be considered. Mary Luhman-Turner is coordinating Feed My People. Seeking monthly hosts for Hope to Eat.
- **New Board Goals:** Leadership Picture is updated. Received goals from Trustees and Rachel’s Place Board. Thank you.

## **New Business:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Endowment Fund Allocations or \$1400: \$500 Lutheran Disaster Relief (Eastern European Crisis Response); ELCA Missions - \$250 Share of Safe Water Project (simple well), \$200 Community Vegetable Garden, \$50 Seeds and Gardening Tools; Community - \$200 Rachel's Place Tuition Assistance, \$200 Fund 13. Motion by Carol M / Mary L-T, passed

## **Reports:**

- **Pastor's Report:** Starting the transition into Subsplash. Eventually our live service will move from Facebook to our own web page and YouTube through Subsplash. Letters were sent to people who are non-active – let us know if you want to stay - 3 responded to stay on. Others will be moved to inactive or archived status. Inactive status saves info if desiring to become active in the future.

- **Board of Education:** (*Bringing the word to life for kids, getting them to open their Bibles and talk about Jesus.*) Discussed summer programming, Senior Sunday tasks, and establishing vision for fall activities in August.

- **Rachel's Place Board:** (*To enrich the quality of family life by providing peace of mind to parents and providing a safe and loving environment to children, where they are given opportunities to learn about God's love through nurturing, acceptance, understanding and love provided by those who guide their development.*) Interviewing potential staff. Center is open after closing for a week due to COVID. Discussed ideas for 20th anniversary celebration on August 19th.

- **Board of Outreach:** (*Continue supporting the ongoing Outreach programs and Be flexible and be open to other needs of the church and our community.*) Did Not Meet. Mary L-T reported a profit of \$750 for Luther Disaster Relief – Ukraine from Caramel Roll Sunday.

- **Board of Trustees:** (*Maintain a balanced budget, Prepare and present a stewardship program, Communicate financial report to congregation on a regular basis and continue to encourage electronic giving.*) Went through financials. Will pick up on revising Hope's financial policies for synod this summer. Set goals for 2022.

- **Building & Grounds:** American Water Works will begin water mitigation May 10<sup>th</sup>. Premium Lawn to do Landscape work. Gutter and downspout will follow. Bartingale's underground work for AC line set is complete, hookup to AC unit yet to be completed. Stump grinding, fill and seeding will be completed in next two weeks. Asking Brian to repaint handicap symbols, patch 2 potholes near Eddy Lane and paint door as well as the west end of Klumby Building. Ask Ann to Contact BOXX/GFL about graffiti on dumpster.

- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** April activity – 4 deliveries with 7 singles and 1 bunk. Twenty bed build at Schuetzy's Tavern on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Forty volunteers are signed up. SHP will meet at 5:30 May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss moving forward as Les departs as co-president.

## **Adjournment and Lord's Prayer @ 19:40**

Respectfully submitted by Terrie Hanke