



**Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023**

Call to Order: 6:31 pm by Jacobson

Establish a quorum/present: Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, President - Dan Jacobson, Vice President – Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Treasurer - Brian Gieseke, Secretary - Heather Nybo, Council Members - Michelle Newman, Chris Hauck, Mark Walser, Jackie Lee, and Dennis Tietz

Devotion by Newman

Introductions and Welcome

Motion to approve elected council members by Walser, second Hauck, motion passed
Dan Jacobson – President
Jackie Lee – Council Member
Dennis Tietz – Council Member

Consent Agenda

- **Motion to approve Consent Agenda** by Steinhoff Smith, second Newman, motion passed
- **Motion to approve December Minutes** by Gieseke, second Steinhoff Smith, motion passed

Synod Toolkit

The Synod is offering educational workshops on Saturday, February 11th from 8:30-12:30 at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights. You can view the full workshop list and register [here](#).

Treasurer's Report

Despite falling 12% short of our revenue goal for 2022, which was budgeted at a 19.5% increase from 2021, we still had a 3.7% increase in overall revenue. 2022 Expenses were kept to a minimum and we came in 4.6% under budget for the year. We ended 2022 with a \$39K deficit, which would have been larger if not for many year end gifts.

Facility Project/Capital Campaign Timeline

In order to gather ideas and answer questions about this project, eight round table discussions will be held. A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th to vote on next steps. The plan is to have all gift commitments by end of October, with a capital campaign close in November.

Pastor Ben's Report

Pastor Ben commented that the success of the capital campaign will depend on solid communication. Reflecting on the closing of his grandfather's church in Duluth, he expressed the necessity for big change that will shape the future of HTLC.

Pastor Alicia's Report

- New council installation Wednesday evening worship, January 25th
- Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday February 18th 8 am to 12 pm
- **Motion to approve the following signers on account** by Walser, second Steinhoff Smith, motion passed
 - Accountant
 - President, Dan Jacobson
 - Treasurer, Brian Gieseke
- **Motion to approve the following who have authority to discuss financial matters with financial institutions** by Steinhoff Smith, second Hauck, motion passed
 - Accountant
 - Pastor Alicia Hilding
 - Pastor Ben Hilding
 - President, Dan Jacobson
 - Treasurer, Brian Gieseke
 - Chair of Corresponding Committees
- **Motion to designate \$25,000 Mission support for the synod for 2023** by Tietz, second Nybo, motion passed

Discussion Topic: What is one thing you hope to get from the retreat on 2/18/23?

Council Member Spotlight: New agenda item highlighting one council member per month

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ben

Motion to Adjourn: 7:37 pm by Gieseke, second Tietz, motion passed

Next Meeting: February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm