



**Council Meeting  
Monday, August 21, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 6:31 pm by Steinhoff Smith

**Establish a quorum/present:** Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Brian Gieseke, Heather Nybo, Dennis Tietz, Chris Hauk, Michelle Newman, and Mark Walser

**Devotion** by Sharon Steinhoff Smith

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda** by Walser, second Gieseke, motion approved

**Composting Proposal** (Carson Saylor)

- Carson is proposing the HTLC kitchen staff start using a compost bin for compostable items. Carson will take the bin weekly to the compost site by the high school. Council agreed this is a great idea, and proposed Carson meet with the kitchen team to review.

**NEXT Project Introduction**

- Finance Team Financing Recommendations (Gieseke)
  - Only spend what is actually generated by the campaign; any long-term financing would require a second campaign, which is not ideal
  - We anticipate using Mission Investment Fund for a line of credit/construction loan. This is the only financing we would utilize, which we would pay off over three years as the pledged amounts come in
- Capital Campaign Leadership (Laura Magnuson, Pat Remfert, Lindsey and Adam Cornell)
  - Lead Gifts Phase - 14 gatherings with 92 families held over 2 months. Much enthusiasm and support for the project! 46 pledges to date.
- Team Recommendation
  - Goal of \$2.5M budget with a stretch goal of \$3M
  - Station 19 has been working on a base plan recommendation as well as add ons; Plan will be presented soon, which will then be relayed to Langer Construction to price out the base plan, as well as the add ons.
- Facilitated Discussion
  - Council discussed the budget but will review Station 19's initial plan before making a decision

### Treasurer's Report

Financial Health as of July 31, 2023	July 2023 Budget	July 2023 Actual
Revenue	\$44,874	\$41,045
Expenses	\$53,415	\$53,369
Revenue – Expenses	-\$8,541	-\$12,324

### Pastor Alicia's Report:

- Ribfest was a success!
- **Motion to open a bank account for the NEXT campaign gifts** by Tietz, second Newman, motion approved
- **Motion to draft a letter to be signed by those contributing to the campaign prior to the January vote** (acknowledging their gift will not be refunded in the event the January vote is no), by Walser, second Tietz, motion approved
- **Motion to approve the following two Endowment fund requests** by Gieseke, second Hauck, motion approved:
  - \$1,000 for Santa Anonymus
  - \$750 for Bethlehem Lutheran
- **Motion to approve language for Suicide Prevention Plan** by Newman, second Walser, motion approved

### Pastor Ben's Report

- Wednesday worship will be recorded and premiered Sunday mornings starting 9/6
- Communication piece for NEXT Campaign

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Ben

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 8:02 pm

**Next Meeting:** September 18th at 6:30 pm