

# LLB Meeting Minutes: July 2022 (as approved 8-29-2022)

**Subject/Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting

**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Place:** Meeting Space 3, Christ Lincoln Sumner

**Zoom connection:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85206316652?pwd=U0llejBweXFMcTRLbjJCOTluSGIBUT09>

**Participants:**  indicates attendance

**Members:**  Tom Lorenz (Chair),  Jud Jesske (Vice-Chair),  Rick Stowell (Secretary),  Kyle Kaldahl (Treasurer)  
 Chris Cox,  Heidi Cuca,  Jeff Lake,  Gary Pickering,  Kristy Plander,  Shayla Reed

**Executive staff:**  Michael Eckelkamp,  Mike Milbourn

**Guests:** Pastor and Melinda Scheich

**Desired Outcomes of the meeting:**

- Pastor Scheich and YH campus leaders have feedback and direction desired to advance debt retirement plans
- COO and DoM and other leaders have feedback and direction desired to advance highlighted ministry items

## Agenda items

**Call to order / Opening prayer:** Tom opened the meeting and Pastor E gave opening prayer at 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes from prior meeting:** Gary moved (Kristy 2<sup>nd</sup>) to approve the June meeting minutes [amended to specifically state the new total budget gap of \$400k]. Motion carried.

Business Item:	Purpose: Inform/Discuss/Decide	Notes provided prior to meeting	Duration
1. Property on 44 <sup>th</sup>	Discuss opportunity to acquire	Walk-thru conducted prior to meeting	30 min

Pastor Eckelkamp was very recently contacted by a long-time member about a house across the street from the WMC that will be for sale. We conducted a brief walk-through of the house.

**Discussion:** Discussion points included:

- The house and property are in better condition than houses we have previously purchased;
- The house would be made available for purchase by CL, if interested, prior to being put on the market;
- As a rental unit, the property would likely generate some net income (though maybe not enough to be appealing for CL Foundation when weighed against its investment criteria);
- Kyle noted that we would need to verify that any such purchase satisfied our three guiding principles, with the key one likely being having 50% cash on hand for the purchase;
- The property would be a key site for any long-range growth to the east;
- Acquisition and development of property within the rectangular area bounded by 42<sup>nd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Streets has been prioritized for the near term. The perspective of the neighboring community on CL's growth outside of this area (esp. removal of houses) was also previously identified as deserving our consideration; and
- There was concern about initial and ongoing maintenance that would be needed and whether this could be reasonably performed by current staff.
- The house needs connection to a vision; is an opportunity deserving consideration.

**Decision/Recommendations:** LLB supported Pastor E obtaining more specifics on the property and potential uses, discussing this with staff, and exploring prospective vision for the property.

<b>2. Yankee Hill campaign</b>	Inform and obtain feedback		45 min
<p>Pastor Scheich gave a presentation being developed for a proposed campaign to reduce the ‘Yankee Hill portion’ of CL’s loan balance from \$5.4 million down to \$1.5 million by 2026. Attendance and family engagement at the campus are growing and this effort is intended to keep momentum for support going – not to distract from the larger CL campaign being conceived or investment in the Sumner campus. The campaign will be primarily communicated via [40] small-group gatherings at YH community member homes. Pastor Jeff and Melinda have committed to lead the gatherings – having received commitments from others to fill in for them on some responsibilities during the campaign.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Feedback from LLB members was largely positive, with topics addressed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflection on trends and potential for growth in YH community numbers and engagement</li> <li>- Appreciation of YH leaders’ desire to financially commit toward the facility and capacity to grow</li> <li>- Importance of communication and consistency in messaging on our campuses</li> <li>- Concern for the health and well-being of the Scheichs; the need to prioritize their own care during this time</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Decision/Recommendations:</b> Pastor Scheich was encouraged to proceed with planning of the YH campaign. He and Melinda were commended for their commitment to this endeavor.</p>			
<b>3. Financial report</b>	Inform		15 min
<p>Kyle reported that the preliminary evaluation is that we will end 2021-22 about \$65k in the black compared to budget, and that giving was up about 6%, as was projected in that budget.</p> <p>FOC is discussing financial policies that may need attention/revision.</p>			
<p><b>Decision/Recommendations:</b> NA</p>			
<b>4. DoM report</b>	Inform and discuss	Report & video communication	15 min
<p>Pastor Eckelkamp highlighted his key values guiding his work as DoM and followed-up on his priority outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address financial viability of CL Church and Schools (debt, staffing, improvements, capital campaigns)</li> <li>• Develop consistent communication of vision and direction for our community</li> <li>• Provide pastoral care to staff and elected leadership</li> <li>• Place a greater emphasis on volunteering</li> <li>• Help new staff members embrace values and be welcomed well into ministry</li> </ul> <p>He said that the position description of the Welcome Ministries Coordinator will prioritize the interaction and follow-up that occurs with visitors.</p>			
<p><b>Decision/Recommendations:</b> LLB supported priority outcomes.</p>			
<b>5. COO report</b>	Inform and update	Separate report provided	5 min
<p>Mike highlighted progress in consideration of risk assessment and management of our capital assets. He is working with an intern at Doane toward completing this project.</p>			
<p><b>Decision/Recommendations:</b> Continue ongoing work.</p>			
<p><b>Adjourn / Closing prayer</b> Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.</p>			