

**Council Minutes**  
**September 13, 2022**

*In attendance:* Kevin Clarke, Julie Cope, Doug Muschett, Ben Little, Pastor Kate Davidson, Ruth Hendricks, Amie Branson, Craig Bolt, Lydia Ziauddin, Jay Meservy, Christy Reinking *Excused:* Catheryn Carlson *Guest:* Doug Bair

1. The meeting opened with a devotion led by Julie Cope mindful of the new school year and church campaigns centered on Christ, based on Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
2. The August council meeting minutes were approved.
3. Pastor reported that she will attend the synod's upcoming theological conference in Park City, UT and is also in the process of buying a condo.
4. Committee Reports:

Julie reported on behalf of **Worship and Music** that Blessing of the Animals (Pets) will take place on Sun, Oct 2 and Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 30. Julie and Pastor Kate mentioned volunteers are needed to help with leading Sunday School to share the load with Cindy M. Christy R offered to help with the music. Choir will take off a few Sundays in October and special ensemble music will take its place. Julie clarified that Sunday School is now taking place every week.

On behalf of **Finance**, Craig reported that we continue to be ahead in income (11K) and under in expenses, and that leadership is working on developing the budget for next year: each committee may submit their action plan to the finance committee at this time. A question was raised about the reimbursement process; the process involves submitting a reimbursement form in the bookkeeping box and/or emailing Michael Kurth: [mike@summitbookkeeping.com](mailto:mike@summitbookkeeping.com). It was suggested that the Finance committee update the reimbursement form based on archaic categories and the need to add instructions for where/how to turn it in.

Ruth and council members praised the **Stewardship** committee and party-planners Julie and Karen for the success of Oktoberfest in that it was a family-friendly, festive and heart-felt way to share the story of LOTM and encourage giving.

Ben reported that the **Personnel** committee continues to work on honing job descriptions for Caroline and Chris (music and worship staff).

Doug shared that **Adult Education** looks forward to hosting table-talks on Lutheran social statements this fall, including Peace in God's World.

5. Ruth said through written and verbal commitments of LOTM members, nearly \$150,000 has been pledged for the **Capital Campaign** before the campaign has officially launched. She is open to suggestions for campaign committee members to join her. Council discussed what happens if we meet the goal (\$300K) early and it was agreed that additional funds would be put in a capital reserve fund.
6. **Unsheltered in Summit:** Doug M. reported that there will be a gap in October in which the unsheltered folks in Summit will need a parking lot for their vehicles overnight (since Agape church will begin construction on their lot). The Interfaith Council will present at a meeting with

County commissioners on Oct 4 requesting intervention and assistance from the commissioners so that people who are unsheltered can park their vehicles in a safe place during this gap time. Doug M and Doug B requested that council members sign a petition to the commissioners offering our support of the unsheltered program and this request. There was discussion about why LOTM could not offer our lot to the Unsheltered program based on Dillon town council's dismissal and a neighbor's complaint. The council revised the letter of support and council members signed it.

7. **Other business:** Lydia informed council of the Synod town hall conferences "From Worry to Wonder" with Bishop Jim Gonia, taking place in-person and on zoom in Oct, Nov, and Dec. Craig reported that changes were made to the model constitution during this year's Churchwide Assembly, and that he will work on adjusting LOTM's constitution to match.
8. Ruth volunteered to lead devotions at the council meeting on Oct 11. Julie closed this meeting with prayer at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin