

River Table Minutes
River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center

Present: Gerry Connell, President; Mary Royer, Vice-President; Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer; Pastor Hans Peterson; Dave Fischer, Nancy Redetzke, Patricia Paulsen

Absent: None

Opening Devotion: Responsive Prayer and Psalm 46

Approved River Table Minutes of October 15, 2024 m/s/p

Reports

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hans made an inquiry regarding vacation time for summer 2025. We will check with Parish Personnel about rolling over continuing education allotments.

Vision Table: One item highlighted from their report was the creation of an endowment fund, which requires a start-up investment. Though we aren't able to create the fund at this time, we will begin to consider the parameters that suit our congregation. It typically has a specific designation and only the interest is spent. The question arose at River Table about who is the owner of the fund if a church leaves the ELCA or ceases to exist.

Faith Formation: Many events are on our calendar including summer camps, BINGO, Senior High Bible Study, and more. Youth Fundraisers are planned, as well.

Financial Report: Paperwork has been completed for the formation of a Money Market Fund with Ameriprise. The preliminary plan is for this fund to have two parts, one of which is designated for future building/facility needs. This would formalize the practice of recent years of setting aside approximately \$1000 per month for the time we are no longer able to rent the Hutchinson Event Center and expect to have higher facility costs at another location.

Approved the October Report as presented by Treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere. m/s/p

September Income	\$26,400.95	September Expenditures	\$22,300.20
October Income	\$37,200.78	October Expenditures	\$26,251.43

Continuing Business

Proposed Budget 2025: We had another look at a projected budget and a few suggestions were made. The proposed budget was approved. m/s/p

Facility: A meeting is pending with a City representative to reach a lease agreement for the use of Hutchinson Event Center in 2025.

New Business

Annual Audit: Suggestion was made that the three individuals who completed the 2023 audit would also audit 2024 financial transactions. Thereafter, one person would leave the team and a replacement would join for the next audit. The intent is to have an annual audit in early spring after all tasks of the fiscal year are complete.

Riverpalooza Schedule, November 17, 2024: This is our congregation's annual meeting, and some Table/Committee reports will be embedded in the worship service. A potluck meal will follow the service. The business meeting will include:

- Approve minutes of Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregational meeting.
- Approve the recommended changes to our constitution.
- Approve the proposed budget for 2025.
- Approve and welcome new members to the River Table: Geoff Davis, Kay Halstrom, and Jim Schaefer.

Officers of the Congregation: The election of new River Table members takes place at our annual meeting, Riverpalooza, on November 17, 2024. President and other officers of the congregation will be chosen at an organizational meeting held sometime thereafter.

Outgoing River Table Members: Sincere thanks to Gerry Connell, Nancy Redetzke, and Sandy Tracy for their faithful service to River of Hope.

Closed with Prayer

Next Meeting: 9 a.m. retreat on Saturday, December 7, Hutchinson Event Center

Submitted by Tricia Paulsen