

Hope Lutheran Church
Voters' Assembly Meeting Minutes
Held on August 15, 2021

Attendance

Chairman:	Phil O'Brien <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Pastor:	Kirk Deuker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Chairman:	Dave Dennison	Director of Admin & SP:	Beverly Janosky
Secretary:	Dave D'Aurelio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Director of Finance:	MaryAnne LaRuez
Treasurer:	Paul Kandt		
Members-At Large:	Ashlan Hudson		
	Marcia Roesser		
	Carrie Sigler		

32 Voting Members Present In-Person, 30 on-line

Meeting was called to order at 01:05 PM

Opening Prayer

Phil O'Brien led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Phil OBrien moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2021 Voters' Assembly

Dave D'Aurelio seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken.

44 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion passes at 01:08 PM.

Hope Brockport Campus Update (Dave Hurlbut) - Introduced at 01:09 PM

Have been using pavilion to meet in small groups – 24 met today. Baptized a father and son together, several weeks ago. Working towards multi-site rollout. Open house / grand opening PR campaign being planned.

Hope Brockport Campus Update (Dave Hurlbut) - Introduced at 01:12 PM

Capital budget presented for proposed renovation project

- Current Funds Balance: \$190,430
- Estimated net proceeds from sale of parsonage (after closing costs are deducted): \$201,500*

*An offer of \$218,900 has been accepted

- Total estimated funds available: \$391,930
- Estimated expenditures:
 - Professional fees: \$27,990
 - Construction costs: \$303,040
 - Interior and exterior signage: \$15,000
 - Contingency allowance: \$15,000
- Total of estimated expenditures: \$360,830

Cost saving opportunities:

- \$4750 if some of the demolition work is performed by Hope volunteers

Estimated remaining funds: $\$391,930 - \$360,830 + \$4,750 = \$35,650$

It is proposed that the remaining funds will be used as follows:

- PR Campaign to the Brockport Community: \$30,000

- Furnishings and electronics for classrooms: \$4000 to \$6000

Current timeline for sale of the parsonage

Parsonage placed on market 7/23/21

Offer from buyer received on 7/28/21

Hope accepted the offer on 7/28/21

NYS Attorney General approval expected by 9/13/21

Target date for closing of the sale – 9/13/21

Funds from the sale expected to be available by the end of September

Dave Hurlbut presented floor plans and artists renderings for the renovations

Project Timeline

- Demolition and construction – 8/15/21 to 11/19/21
- Interior painting (Hope volunteers) 11/15/21 to 12/3/21
- Furniture and electronics installed - 12/6/21 to 12/10/21
- Team training – October, November
- PR campaign – November
- Soft opening – 12/12/21
- Community open house – 12/19/21
- Grand Opening – 12/24/21

Q & A

Q. What happens if the closing on the sale of the parsonage doesn't take place as planned?

A. More than enough is available in the contingency fund to cover

Q. Is building structurally sound?

A. Yes

Q. What is the purpose of spending the \$\$ to renovate?

A. To better facilitate ministry

Q. How many kids are attending?

A. Small numbers now, but working to draw more

Q. Greece campus has an old boiler system that needs to be replaced – wouldn't we be wise to save cash for that purpose?

A. We have other funds available to spend on that, but not fully funded

Q. Construction costs very high right now – would it be wise to delay project until a year or 2 from now?

A. While costs are higher now than last year at this time, costs are not likely to become less over time. In fact, our experience with the Café renovation project has shown that delaying the project can lead to higher – not lower costs.

Dave Smith comment – it is wise to include a significant provision (which this proposal does) for youth ministry.

Q. How big is the foyer at Brockport now?

A. More of a corridor, approx. 8 ft across. Not much of a gathering space

Q. How big will the fellowship space be?

A. The renderings presented do not have dimensional data listed, so we can't give an exact answer now. Will get the answer for this.

Q. Is there room for further expansion?

A. Property is around 5 acres, so yes.

Q. Size of worship center now?

A. Can hold around 200

Comment – Fellowship space is important – new atrium design will allow for that – at least 3X what they currently have.

Q. When (will we) move from volunteer to paid staff at Brockport campus?

A. Currently mostly volunteer. Paid custodian now, but no plans to move to paid staff until congregation grows to a size that would require it.

\$214K currently in building / emergency fund for Hope Greece / Brockport campus

Church is financially stable right now and can absorb the small-to-moderate level of risk associated with this project.

Phil O'Brien moved to approve the hope Brockport campus renovation plan and budget

Dave D'Aurelio seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken.

50 votes in favor, 11 votes opposed, 1 abstention.

Motion passes at 02:13 PM.

Q. When did former members of Concordia Brockport become Hope members?

A. April 2021

Closing Prayer

Phil O'Brien closed the meeting in prayer.

Phil O'Brien moved to close the meeting

Dave D'Aurelio seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken.

All favor, 0 votes opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion passed at 02:16 PM.

The meeting minutes of the August 15, 2021 Voters' Assembly of Hope Lutheran Church are attested to and submitted by Dave D'Aurelio on this date, August 21, 2021.

Dave D'Aurelio
Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church, Board of Directors