

**Hope Lutheran Church
Voters' Assembly Meeting Minutes
Held on: June 14, 2026**

Attendance:

Chairperson	Tim Kneeland	Present	Senior Pastor	Kirk Dueker (not counted)	Present
Vice-Chairperson	Mike Sorbera	Absent	Head Elder	Dave Smith	Present
Secretary	Tammy Davidson	Present	Executive Director	Maryanne Meier	Absent
Treasurer	Jacki Eichas	Absent	Director of Finance	Bob Bellanti	Present
Members at Large	Aaron Bundschuh	Absent			
	Dave Day	Absent			
	Nate Herkamp	Present			

83 Voting Members Present Including Those Above

Meeting was called to order at 12:34PM

Opening Prayer

Pastor Kirk led the congregation in an opening prayer.

Approval of 2025 Voters' Assembly Meeting Minutes (Tim Kneeland)

Tim Kneeland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 7, 2025.

Roy Burton seconded the motion. Voice and raised hand vote. All in favor. 0 opposed. Motion Passed.

12:37PM

2020 Vision - Center 4 Hope and His Branches

Pastor Kirk presented the history behind the project, His Branches ministry and how C4H, HB and Hope will work together moving forward.

Discussion ensued with the following questions and answers:

Q: How will they enter the building?

A: The main entrance to C4H. We want them to see the food pantry.

Q: Has this been approved by the town?

A: We already have approval from when we built C4H. Medical offices were part of that approved project. And since we are using the space within C4H and no external construction, there is no need for approval now.

Q: What denomination is His Branches affiliated with and are they aligned with Hope?

A: They are a medical ministry with no denomination affiliation. They are very much aligned with Hope.

Q: With the two meeting rooms being used for this, where will people go that used those rooms before?

A: Staff is looking at this. We have Higher Ground that is not used much of the week and meeting rooms in the basement that are not often used.

Q: What are their views on abortion?

A: They are prolife.

Q: Since they have a mental health aspect of their ministry, will there be extra security?

A: No. There are people with mental health issues in the building regularly. Since they are a medical facility, they are equipped to handle things if need be.

Q: What about Preschool? Will patients be able to access the kids wing?

A: No. It is very secure. No one is able to access that area that is not authorized to.

Q: Since the grant HB has received is from the State, are there strings attached?

A: No. The grant is simply for the renovation.

Q: Where are they going to park?

A: The grant will cover a new parking area north and west of the garage.

Q: Where does HB get its funding from?

A: They are a Not for Profit and receive funding through grants, donations and patient medical insurance. We have money that was donated when we thought we were going to have to pay for much of the renovation of this project. The donors have authorized us to donate the money to HB. This will be done over a three-year span.

Q: Will there be conflicts with other events happening at Hope?

A: No. We often have coinciding events. They are primary care, so people will only be coming by appointment. There won't be a lot of people coming and going at once. With the new parking, we really shouldn't have issues. If there is a need for a large event, we would have people flag assist with parking.

Q: Our café is so beautiful right now. Will the appearance be a lot different when meeting rooms are built?

A: No. The space will remain beautiful and not look like basic meeting rooms.

Q: Are HB sharing the cost of the utility bills?

A: The lease states that they will pay a portion of the utilities.

Q: What about lawsuits?

A: HB, C4H and Hope all are fully covered.

Q: What happens if in two years this all falls apart?

A: It's our building. They are just leasing the space.

Q: Are we charging for the leased space?

A: Yes. \$1 for 10 years.

Q: Will HB accommodate anyone?

A: Anyone from Monroe County.

Q: What about members that are not in Monroe County? Some Brockport campus members don't live in Monroe County.

A: Any member of Hope can become patients.

Q: What will staffing look like for them?

A: I believe they will start with three providers.

Q: Will they accept volunteers in addition to their paid staff?

A: Yes. They will accept volunteers.

Q: Are we responsible financially moving forward?

A: No. We are just the landlords.

Affirmation for the His Branches Partnership and Renovation to Proceed

Tim Kneeland made a motion that the people of Hope by vote of affirmation desire the His Branches partnership and renovation to proceed. Maureen Spindler seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Q: Is this vote necessary?

A: No. We just want to be transparent and have the congregation's affirmation.

Q: How long is the lease between C4H and HB?

A: Ten years.

Voice and raised hand vote. 81 in favor. 2 opposed. Motion Passed. 1:13PM

Closing Prayer

Pastor Kirk closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting minutes of the June 14, 2026 Voters' Assembly of Hope Lutheran Church are attested to and submitted by Tammy Davidson on this date, June 18, 2026

Tammy Davidson
Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church, Board of Directors