# Ho Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** **In Person** Pastor Tor Berg, Ho Brown, Kendahl Adjorlolo, Jess Faubion, Sandy Flying Cloud, Jean Peterson, Joyce Thode. **Via Zoom:** David Berg, Emily Curcio, Kristi Pyne, Dave Shogren

**Absent:** Christy Frericks, Jacky Schnarre

**Quorum was met.**

**Guests:** Ann Aagaard and Ray Thomas

**The agenda was approved by consent.**

**Pastor Berg opened with prayer, then discussion of chapter 7 of *When Church Stops Working*.**

* Considering what our watchwords might be: “Heart of Bothell”? “Love our neighbor”? Need to consider what message God is sending us – what we can claim from Jesus’ words that we encounter here. What is the heart of who we are? What might transitions (other uses) of our building be?

**Everyone having received a copy of the May 21, 2024, minutes, it was approved, with corrections, by consent. Action Item:** Joyce to send approved minutes to Kris Smith to post on website and bulletin board.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Berg’s report was distributed via email just before the meeting. It was a very busy month with sadness at the death of his favorite cousin, but also joyful celebrations: Preschool graduation, Confirmation, High School graduates, Beth Bower’s retirement on June 23 and Sabbatical kickoff on June 30th at 10:45 a.m.

His highlights included:

* 10 more signed up for new member classes and are ready to be received into the congregation June 30. This will make 25 new members this year.
* Sabbatical Team plans are set and all should go well.

**Committee Action Items for Council Consideration:**

1. Kendahl Adjorlolo reported on the status of committee meeting minutes. She received minutes from Building and Property, Christian Education, Finance, Social Ministries, Youth, Endowment, and Personnel Committees.
2. There were no action items for Council.

Notes of interest:

* Building and Property is considering the possibility of a multistory garage sometime in the future.
* Social Ministries reported the change of name for KBIG to Interfaith Group of Northshore;

**Old Business:**

1. **Council Liaison to Membership List:** List should be out this week. “We miss you” cards are being looked into. Jean has asked Donella Robbins if she could design some. Pastor suggested also asking Sandy Hendricks.
2. **102nd St/Wells Fargo Project**

Jess Faubion reported that nothing has been heard from Harbour Homes yet.

Ho Brown reported that she had been able to speak with a lawyer at no cost, and there is nothing to be done until we have a proposal. In the meantime, we can make a list of possible contract requirements if/when the proposal arrives. The proposed 7/14 informational meeting would only happen if we have a proposal in hand before then.

The wording of the Constitution states that “the Council shall not encumber real property unless authorized by the Congregation” which includes any easements i.e. once a proposal is received, depending on what is proposed, there may need to be a Congregational meeting called. Ann Aagaard suggested that an informational meeting be separate from a voting meeting on this subject to give the Congregation time to think and consider before voting.

The order would be: Receive proposal; Council meets to consider; Return proposal to Harbour Homes with any counter-proposals; Get proposal back from Harbour Homes; Inform Congregation and have meeting (possibly with Attorney present to help with legal questions); perhaps have more than one Congregational meeting; 30 days to Congregational meeting to vote.

Publicity will by email, Narthex monitor, website scroll, calendar, and newsletter

1. **Lutheran Counseling Network:**

Pastor hasn’t seen John Koch, but the hope is to have him introduced either 6/23 or 6/30

1. **Parking availability:**

Pastor handed out maps of parking local to church. He will make announcements about parking

1. **Coffee with Council:**

**Report from 5/5:** compliments on Mothers Day blog; request to give updates/advertise SCRIP so people know that it exists and how much it is making; need to update the church directory **ACTION ITEM: talk to Communications Committee with target date of January 1, 2025**; monthly newsletters – too much vs too little information; suggestion to use name tags all through Sabbatical to help substitute pastors to know congregants; request update on conflict resolution; the church website needs updating **ACTION ITEM: touch base with Casten Thode as a good resource for this.**

**Report from 6/2:** comment that some people come regularly to be connected which allows them a voice BUT it can be problematic when some people are always there and perhaps monopolize the conversation. How can we make it a healthy exchange – listening with grace.

**Next Coffee with Council dates:**

* July 7 – Kendahl and Ho **ACTION ITEM: Kendahl announce June 30 and July 7**
* August - TBD

**Publicity:** Continuing reminder to get information to correct person:

* Homepage scroll & Narthex Monitor – Christy/Kris
* Instagram - Emily
* Calendar and Sunday Bulletins - Kris
* Sunday announcements - hosts

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Sabbatical Planning for Council:**

* Pastor approved agendas for Council meetings July through September 2024 (C12.12)
* Changes to pre-approved agendas are okay as long as they don’t change larger issues.
* Devotions: July – Kendahl; August – Joyce; September – Dave S.
* Pastor is working on written instructions for staff and congregation
* Emergency management – anything drastic goes straight to the Bishop
* Joyce will bring her laptop and get Pastor’s sign-in to set up Zoom meeting for council and committees. He showed her how to set up the computer and monitor.
* Council should be Cheerleaders – spreading excitement and news of what is happening in our church
* Pray!
* Have open communication with congregants
* Make a point to seek out and meet new people before and after services

1. Worship Service – Hidden People (Jean and Dave)

* Encourage able-bodied to park further away.
* Discuss one vs two services after Sabbatical is over, at October meeting (no change before then)
* Coordinate van drivers for people who have mobility issues

**ACTION ITEM: Membership Committee seek drivers**

1. **Priority List from 6/8/24 meeting with Pastor Vance**

* Ho handed out the list. Issues are being addressed and some have been resolved. It was not a full congregational issue. A Continuing Resolution for the Personnel Committee may help here, as will the Mutual Ministry. It’s a work in progress.

1. **Schedule date to convene Nominating Committee:** October 8, prior to Council. One more member still needed.
2. **Mutual Ministry Committee:** Joe Siebert and Pastor to work on this. Meeting at 10 a.m. on 10/10
3. **Harassment and Abuse updates:**

* Background Checks to include certain Volunteer Groups:
  + Youth leaders and/or chaperones
  + Eucharistic Ministers
  + Christian Education Committee
  + Sunday School and Confirmation teachers
  + Vacation Bible School teachers and staff
  + Youth Committee members
  + Preschool Board members
* Boundary training for staff, volunteers, and session for congregation when Pastor returns.

Will include appropriate relationships and who follows-through if there is an issue that arises.

**New Members:** Pastor Berg presented the list of the new members ready to be accepted.

* Julie Berg
* Rebecca and Andrew Baunsgavel, Rory and Gavin
* Peter and Mary Christopher
* Ross and Susan Cook
* Renee Lier
* Eric and Karen Ullery
* Diane Ullery

**Gary Curtis moved to accept all as new members. Joyce Thode seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Installation of new members will be Sunday, June 30, at 9:30 a.m.

**Spotlight on Volunteers:**

* July/August – Membership
* September – Social Ministries
* October – Stewardship
* November – Worship and Music
* December - Youth

**Council Corner Suggestions:**

* Harbour Homes project update
* Lutheran Counseling Network – FLC Representative needed

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in person and on Zoom, from 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Ho Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by

Kendahl Adjorlolo

Council Secretary