

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

Council Members							
President Brian Lauer (15)	X	Vice-President Wade Eastman (15)	X	Treasurer Niki Pokornowski (15)	X	Secretary Linda McGraw (15)	X
Ken Holler (16)	X	Jan Kreie (15)	X	Deb Marcotte (15)	X	Michelle Malchow (16)	X
Steve Killian (15)	X	Dan Brinkman (16)	X	Jon Kamrath (16)	X	Christine Ruppert (16)	
Jeff Amundson (15)	X	Jon Wehler (16)	X				
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Diane Pedersen	X		
Pastor Dave		Marsha Schmit	X	Gladys Bonnema			
Pastor Paulus		Wendy Mayland		Mike Lauer	X		

Opening

- President Brian Lauer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
- Brian Lauer opened with devotions that recounted his faith journey.

Secretary's Report:

- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the May meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the May Treasurer's report.
Thrivent Financial has reduced the required 18-month reserve to a 12-month reserve and will be returning \$47,000+ to the church. An additional principal pay down of \$90,000 will be made in June.

Pastor / Staff Reports:

- Written reports submitted with the agenda.
- Paul Scheidler, summer intern, was introduced.
- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the April Staff Reports.

Ministry Teams:

- **Church in the World (Jan and Ken)**
 - Continued to discuss 5-year goals regarding local and regional mission projects
- **Congregational Life (Deb and Michelle)**
 - Ice cream after worship on July 26 and August 16, 2015
 - Call were made to new members
- **Discipleship (Jon and Steve)**
 - Initial Mugs and Muffins event had a great turn out - men's group organizing breakfast event with a speaker
 - The Council Digging Deeper survey resulted in mixed responses - late in the summer a Digging Deeper presentation will be made during worship and a larger congregational survey will be conducted at that time
- **Management (Executive Committee)**
 - Discussed financials
 - Pastor Scott will be on sabbatical July 20 - August 31, 2015
 - Will move ahead with safety alarm quote
 - Patio has been installed - basketball hoop to be installed soon
- **Spiritual Formation (Jon and Christine)**
 - Drive-In Diner rescheduled for June 24, 2015
 - Bike to Church event on June 28, 2015
 - July Faith Family Fun Event - outdoor pool/kick ball
 - Treats in the Park July 12, 2015
 - Community Meal August 2, 2015

- **Worship (Dan and Jeff)**
 - Treats in the park June 21, 2015
 - Need volunteers to assist with setup of worship in the park

Old Business

1. Personnel Committee Report
 - **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the hiring of Josiah Frusti as Director of Children and Family Ministries. (Josiah to start July 6, 2015)
2. Pastor Scott will be on Sabbatical July 20 - August 31, 2015
3. Faith Life Camp Update/Theme - registration is slow - working on details - "Faith Journey" to be the theme
4. Other - none

New Business

1. VBS Update - Paul reported that the first day was hectic - 50 to 55 kids - 40% from Faith
2. Club 218 Update - 20 kids for the summer - lots of middle school helpers
3. Summer Preaching Project: "*in Christ*: Ephesians and the Life of Faith" - rather than gospel texts - pastors welcome feedback
4. Adopt the revised resolution for the Endowment Fund
 - **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the amendment to the Endowment Fund. (Changes - semi-annual meeting versus quarterly, and removal of all references to the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA replaced with "missions supported by Faith Lutheran Church")
5. Other - Lease on large copier terminates in November - staff authorized to review options and make a final decision as long as cost remains within budget

Communion Helper Schedule:

July 5	8:00 a.m. - Brian Lauer and Jan Kreie 10:10 a.m. - Outdoors – No Council Help Needed
July 12	8:00 a.m. - Dan Brinkman and Jeff Amundson 10:10 a.m. - Outdoors – No Council Help Needed

Correspondence - Letters of thank you from the New Hope Mission Society and the Augustana District for recent donations

Closing Prayer - Pastor Scott

Adjournment - President Brian Lauer adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Ken Holler

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGraw, Secretary