

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2015

Council Members							
President Brian Lauer (15)		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)		Jon Kamrath (16)	X	Christine Ruppert (16)	X
Jeff Amundson (15)	X	Jon Wehler (16)	X				
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul		Diane Pedersen	X	Mike Lauer	X
Pastor Dave	X	Marsha Schmit	X	Wendy Toops	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Mayland	X	Gladys Bonnema	X		

Opening

- Vice President Wade Eastman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Gladys Bonnema opened with devotions.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The New Hope Hutchinson Church of God has obtained financing so their contract for deed will not be renewed. The April 1, 2015 payoff amount will be \$126,203 and that amount will be applied to the current church mortgage.
- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the January Treasurer's report.

Pastor / Staff Reports:

- Written reports submitted with the agenda. Gladys added that the Valentine's Day Dinner was a success with 99 tickets being sold and an additional \$345 raised to offset individual mission trip expenses.

Ministry Teams:

- **Management (Executive Committee)**
 - Repairs to the floor by the northeast sanctuary door have temporary been repaired by Jim Christensen with permanent repairs to be made later
 - Discussed the water and mold issue in storage area
 - Discussed the purchase of a new lawnmower - also getting bids for a new leaf/snow blower
- **Worship (Dan and Jeff)**
 - Discussed the Lenten palm branches
 - Discussed a Lenten Drama on March 25
 - Discussed prep for the Last Supper
 - Bob's Belgium Waffles to come April 26
- **Church in the World (Jan and Ken)**
 - Friends of Madagascar asked for donations as they are experiencing a drought - will make a recommendation at the March Council meeting
 - Would like to feature one mission project each Sunday encouraging prayer and support
- **Congregational Life (Deb and Michelle)**
 - Discussed Lenten Picnic Supper March 25, 2015 - 5 to 6:15 p.m.
 - Discussed inter congregational Mingle Box
 - Will do Community Meal May 3, 2015
 - Faith Family Fun Night (bowling) April 12, 2015

- **Discipleship (Jon and Steve)**
 - Four new members
 - Discussed guest speakers (possibly local people) to speak quarterly
 - Discussed leading Digging Deeper sessions
 - Discussed leading Lenten/Advent devotionals
 - Discussed having congregational members share testimonials during Digging Deeper sessions
- **Spiritual Formation (Jon and Christine)**
 - Faith Family Fun Night event on February 22 at America's Fitness Center with classes for all ages
 - Faith Family Fun Night event at Paint Factory in March
 - Faith Family Fun Night event bowling in April
 - Continued discussion on family involvement in high-school-aged youth
 - Discussed a confirmation leader's party
 - Discussed Sunday School events - movies with pj party, etc.
 - Brainstormed other events

Old Business

1. Update on Website Changes - 2,000 visits per month - 60% are new people. \$4,000 to \$5,000 to update - 8 week process in two phases (research and create site) - budgeting to be researched and considered.
ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed to proceed with Website update.
2. Other - none

New Business

1. **Council Devotions and Communion Help Sign Up** - All Council members were encouraged to sign up.
2. **Council Retreat** - Date to be announced - either April 11 or 18.
3. **Preparations for Lent** - Pastor Scott encouraged all Council members to participate in strengthening the midweek Lenten services and to invite others to attend as well. Faith will be pairing with Christ the King and St. Matthews in Fernando this Lenten season in a service/preaching rotation.
4. **Update/Approve Signatory list at Citizens Bank** - 5 accounts and 3 safety deposit boxes - access granted to the President, Vice President and Treasurer
ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed to update the signatory list at Citizens Bank.

Communion helpers - To be announced

Correspondence - None

Closing Prayer – Pastor Scott

Adjournment – **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 @ 6:00pm

Devotions for next month: To be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGraw, Secretary