

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

Council Members							
President Wade Eastman (16)		Vice-President Niki Pokornowski (16)	X	Treasurer Ron Anderson (16)	X	Secretary Linda McGraw (16)	X
Ken Holler (16)	X	Cheryl Buboltz (17)	X	Jon Kamrath (17)	X	Michelle Malchow (16)	
Bill Peterson (17)		Dan Brinkman (16)		Amanda Schueler (17)	X	Christine Ruppert (16)	
Joy May (17)	X						
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Diane Pedersen	X	Josiah Frusti	X
Pastor Dave	X	Marsha Schmit	X	Gladys Bonnema	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Magruder	X	Paul Cravens	X		

Opening

- Vice President Niki Pokornowski called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Amanda Schueler opened with devotions.

Secretary's Report:

- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Pass** to approve the December meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Pass** to approve the December Treasurer's report.
Giving in 2016 ended strong, though slightly less than 2015, which was an all-time record amount. Thrivent has agreed to release \$64,000 currently held in the restricted mortgage account. An additional principal pay down is expected to be made in early 2017.

Pastor / Staff Reports:

- Written reports submitted with the agenda.

Ministry Teams:

- **Worship (Dan and Amanda)**
 - Working on the 2017 special music plan. Choirs have begun practices. Working on Lenten and Easter preparations
 - Compline - January 29, 2017
- **Church in the World (Ken and Bill)**
 - Reviewed 2016
- **Congregational Life (Michelle and Joy)**
 - Top priority will be calling new members who joined last November.
 - Will do Community Meal May 7, 2017
 - Lenten Supper - March 22, 2017
- **Discipleship (Cheryl)**
 - Discussed how to grow the Breakfast and Bibles group
 - Mugs and Muffins well attended
 - Working on lesson plans, video, etc. for Faith Groups study in Lent.
 - Discussed possible pairing with other churches for Reformation activities
 - Brainstorming for new activity ideas
- **Management (Executive Committee)**
 - Discussed financial reports and budget review
 - Will do Community Meal March 5, 2017
 - Discussed the possibility of a geo-thermal support contract

- **Spiritual Formation (Jon and Christine)**

- Renaming of this Ministry Team to Children, Youth and Family will be presented to the Annual Meeting for approval.
- New small group being formed for parents of infants to age 3 age group - first meeting March 4, 2017.
- Faith Family Fun - January 18, 2017 - good attendance for sledding at Rocket Hill
 - February 26, 2017 - bowling
 - March 26, 2017 - Paint Factory
- Will do Community Meal April 2, 2017

Old Business

1. Reminder--Annual Meeting - January 29, 2017 at 12 noon
2. Nominating Committee Update - Nominating Committee has no confirmed candidates for Congregational Secretary and Vice President. One Nominating Committee position yet to be filled.
3. Other - None

New Business

1. Christmas Review - Good Advent and Christmas attendance - down just slightly from 2015
2. Annual Meeting Prep
 - Annual Reports are out. Working on script for President Eastman and Vice President Pokornowski. FLY to do pasta bar after the 10:10 services with the Annual Meeting commencing at 12 noon.
 - Because of inclement weather, the January 10, 2017 Council Meeting was postponed. The 2017 proposed budget was e-mailed to Council members for review and approval to present at the Annual Meeting. The 2017 budget was approved by the Council at an increase of 1.68% over the 2016 budget.
3. Lenten Theme Preview
 - Pairing with Christ the King and St. Matthew's to do a Reformation theme ("What does this mean?") The Faith Groups will view a group video and then break out into individual discussion groups.
4. Augustana District Theological Conference - February 6 and 7, 2017 at Calvary Lutheran, Golden Valley MN.
5. Presidential Farewell - President Eastman was unable to attend the meeting due to a work conflict. He sent a farewell message thanking the Council for sharing their time and expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as President.
6. Other - Paul Cravens will be installed on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Communion Helper Schedule:

February 5, 2017	8:00 a.m. - Joy May and Amanda Schueler 10:10 a.m. - Ron and Barb Anderson
February 12, 2017	8:00 a.m. - Bill Peterson - volunteer needed 10:10 a.m. - Jon Kamrath and Niki Pokornowski

Correspondence: None

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dave

Adjournment: Vice President Niki Pokornowski adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Devotions for Next Month: Joy May

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGraw, Secretary