

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 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)		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)	X
Jeff Amundson (15)	X	Jon Wehler (16)	X				
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Diane Pedersen	X	Mike Lauer	X
Pastor Dave	X	Marsha Schmit		Wendy Toops	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Mayland		Gladys Bonnema	X		

Opening

- President Brian Lauer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Deb Marcotte opened with devotions.

Secretary's Report:

- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approve the latest version of the February meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- The New Hope Hutchinson Church of God paid off their contract for deed on March 3 with a payoff amount of \$125,812.18.
- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the February Treasurer's report.

Pastor / Staff Reports:

- Written reports submitted with the agenda. Pastor Dave share additional information about the Faith City project .
- **ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed** to approved the February Staff reports.

Ministry Teams:

- **Spiritual Formation (Jon and Christine)**
 - Faith Family Fun Night event at Paint Factory March 22
 - Faith Family Fun Night event bowling and other games at Hutch Bowl on April 19
 - Gift cards from Below Zero will be given as Sunday School Teacher appreciation gifts
 - A Red Carpet Sunday will be schedule for May - children will be given a tour of the church
 - Children will bring in palms on Palm Sunday
 - Volunteers needed to bring egg bakes for the Easter Breakfast
- **Management (Executive Committee)**
 - Continued discussion regarding the purchase of a new lawnmower and a leaf/snow blower. Meeting scheduled for March 24 with people involved with the maintenance work to determine the needs
 - Discussed financials, the payoff of the New Hope Hutchinson Church of God contract for deed and mortgage pay down information - Five years into the mortgage we are paying more in principle than in interest!!
ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed to approved a \$302,287 pay down of the church's mortgage.
- **Worship (Dan and Jeff)**
 - Discussed the Reader's Theater
 - Discussed the Last Supper and recruiting of disciples
 - Maundy Thursday services will be at 6 and 7:30 p.m.
 - Discussed Palm Sunday and Easter Sunrise services
 - Discussed upcoming outdoor worship services - volunteer schedule out soon
 - Bob's Belgium Waffles will come April 26, 9 a.m. - noon - benefit for the Faith music department and Common Cup
 - Discussed a hymn sing on April 29

- **Church in the World (Jan and Ken)**
 - Friends of Madagascar asked for donations as they are experiencing a drought
ACTION - Motion/Second/Passed to have an advance \$1,000 donation sent to the Friends of Madagascar for the purpose of hunger relief with the \$1,000 being replaced to the church's treasury later in 2015
 - Recycle project netted \$103 - other similar events possible in the future
- **Congregational Life (Deb and Michelle)**
 - Discussed Lenten Picnic Supper March 25, 2015 - 5 to 6:15 p.m.
 - Discussed the bowling event as a joint project with Spiritual Formation Team
 - Community Meal and Mingle Box on May 3, 2015
- **Discipleship (Jon and Steve)**
 - Working on directional maps of the church's facilities for the two main entrances - plan to complete in April
 - Discussed motivational speakers and congregational members sharing testimonials during Digging Deeper sessions

Old Business

1. Council Devotion Sign Up - The sign-up sheet was passed around - 5 spaces needed to be filled
2. Council Retreat April 11 - 9a.m. to 2 p.m.
3. Preparations for Holy Week - Pastor Scott urged the Council to participate in Holy Week services and activities as they are the highlight of the church year
4. Other
 - a. Still working on Website update

New Business

1. Personnel Committee Update - Personnel committee is defining member terms of office and updating the employee handbook. Wendy Toops has resigned as Director of Children and Family Ministry - her last day will be May 17
2. Outdoor Worship/Volunteer Planning - Mike Lauer will be coordinating/scheduling the project
3. Faith Life Camp Planning - August 14 - 16 at Mount Carmel - events being planned-volunteers needed
4. Augustana District Convention April 25 - at Christ the King - 60 congregations from six states - all members are welcome to attend
5. Other - none

Communion Helper Schedule

April 5: Easter	6:00 a.m.	Niki Pokornowski
	8:00 a.m.	Jan Kreie and Steve Kilian
	9:30 a.m.	Ken Holler and Christine Ruppert
	11:00 a.m.	Christine Ruppert
April 12:	8:00 a.m.	Brian Lauer and Dan Brinkman
	10:10 a.m.	Ken Holler and Deb Marcotte

Correspondence - Thank you note from New Hope Mission Society.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Dave

Adjournment – President Mike Lauer adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Next Regular Council meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for next month: Niki Pokornowski

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGraw, Secretary