

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Council Members							
President		Vice-President		Treasurer		Secretary	
Niki Pokornowski (17)	X	Wade Eastman (18)	X	Ron Anderson (18)		Jan Kreie (18)	X
Dean Winter (18)	X	Cheryl Buboltz (17)	X	Jon Kamrath (17)	X	Dan Moe (18)	
Bill Peterson (17)	X	Megan Piehl (18)	X	Amanda Schueler (17)	X	Marlys Miller (18)	X
Joy May (17)	X	Andrew Weckwerth (18)	X				
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Diane Pedersen	X	Laura Weikle	X
Pastor Dave		Marsha Schmit	X	Gladys Nissen	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Magruder	X	Paul Cravens	X		

Opening: President Niki called the meeting to order.

Devotion: Jon Kamrath shared a devotion based on John 14:6.

Secretary's Report:

ACTION -- M/S/P to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: President Niki presented the financial reports. The reports reflected many reasons to give thanks to the Lord!! Our giving in December covered all our expenses, benevolence, and cushion for cash flow. There was a question about the large amount of expenditures for the month of December; that is largely the year end benevolence amounts.

ACTION - M/S/P to accept the financial reports as presented.

Pastor/Staff Reports – Written reports were included with our agenda information. No questions for staff.

Ministry Team Reports:

- ❖ Church in the World (Bill and Dean) – Community Meal hosted on Jan. 7th, about 60 attended; there are still open slots for meals; Pastor Paul will be traveling to Ethiopia next week with six others to meet with our partners – please keep them in your prayers.
- ❖ Congregational Life (Marlys and Joy) – plans for the Lenten picnic are being made – March 21st before worship; they host the Community meal in April; and they are searching for new activities for 2018.
- ❖ Discipleship (Cheryl and Andrew) – talked thru their goals for this year and revisited what they had learned; support for Mugs & Muffins and Men of Faith.
- ❖ Management (Exec Committee) – started celebrating the financial reports; discussed desire to see what could be done about the continued increasing health insurance costs; heard an update from the nominating team; Pastor Scott shared the revisiting of a missed opportunity – there is much program definition and administrative tasks that are required before more action is to be taken – prayers and concerns are encouraged.
- ❖ Worship (Megan and Amanda) – Community Meal is set for August; and, reviewed upcoming Lenten needs.
- ❖ Children, Youth, and Family (Jon and Dan) – Faith Family Fun (FFF) events reviewed – bowling turnout of 31 people; Feb. 4th sliding at Rocket Hill; March state theater; Jan. 28th will be Bible Camp focus Sunday – plans are for a group to attend the Shores of St. Andrew in July.

Old Business

1. Nominating Process Update – There are about four council positions to fill and four nominating team members needed.
2. Christmas recap – The last Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day worships were well attended.

New Business

1. Annual meeting preparation:
 - a. 2017 financial recap – the year end finish was astounding, setting us up with good position going into 2018. A reminder that a few years ago we had an operating loan that we were still paying; and,

considering that we did a capital campaign that received \$75,000 in first fruits gifts – we are thankful for the congregation's commitment, all is well.

- b. Capital campaign status – because about 20% of our church family responded, there will be one more attempt to engage those who did not respond after the annual meeting.
- c. Review and approval of 2018 budget – the proposed amount is a 1.93% increase over last year. There are few changes to program areas, most of the increase consists of staff salary changes and benefit increases.

ACTION - M/S/P to recommend the proposed budget of \$810,812.35 to the congregation at the annual meeting.

- d. Corporate resolution for transfer of donated stock --

ACTION – M/S/P that the process for receiving stock allows the president and finance coordinator to be given the right to sign and sell stock.

- 2. AD Theological Conference Feb. 5 - 6 -- Our pastoral staff will be attending this educational event in Sioux Falls. The theme surrounds pastoral preparation.
- 3. Presidential farewell – Niki shared a several thankful thoughts – for the staff and her time serving as treasurer and president.

Closing Prayer was offered by Gladys.

Adjournment: President Niki closed the meeting.

Next Month: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 28 at 12 noon -- Annual Meeting.
Devotions: Megan Piehl