

Faith Lutheran Church – Council Minutes Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Council Members							
President Amanda Schueler (19)	X	Vice-President Bob Kreie (20)	X	Treasurer Kathy Silvernale (19)		Secretary Connie Stromseth (19)	X
Penny Stuber (20)	X	Cheryl Buboltz (19)		Monica Wehler (19)	X	Dan Moe (20)	X
John Olsen (19)	X	Maria Weikle (20)	X	Shelly Kirchoff (19)	X	Niki Pokornowski (20)	X
Gail Telecky (19)	X	Andrew Weckwerth (20)	X				
Staff							
Pastor Scott	X	Pastor Paul	X	Gladys Nissen	X	Sara Wegner – Interim Financial Coordinator	X
Pastor Dave	X	Marsha Schmit	X	Will Holt	X		
Pastor Paulus	X	Wendy Magruder	X	Laura Weikle	X		

Call to Order by President Amanda

Devotion by John Olsen based on the book On The Anvil by Max Lucado. A reference to “Thump Thud, Thump Thud” Just as a potter works his clay, God too is molding you with every “Thump” we face in our lives.

Secretary's Report – ACTION – M/S/P to approve the minutes from the January 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - The General Fund balance end of January 2019 is \$97, 552.00. In 2010 our 3.2 million dollar loan that started for the building has been paid down 75% since then. - ACTION - M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

Pastor/Staff Reports – Thank you to Sara Wegner for joining staff as our Interim Financial Coordinator and all her work to organize and finalize the financial books and reports.

Pastor Dave reported on the Live Facebook Bible Study. The first week there were approximately 40+ viewers that were online during the live presentation.

Ministry Team Reports:

- ◆ Children, Youth and Family (Dan and Monica) -The Sledding Event had 19 members attend. March 10th will be a Movie event.
How do we get more people involved in Church and activities? Dan asks other ministry teams to discuss and brainstorm ideas during our small group discussion time.
- ◆ Church in the World (Penny and John)-A blessing box is planned for May. Community meal is March 3rd from 4-6. In 2018, \$2,000 pledged to support the Tabor Church was not disbursed by year’s end. **ACTION-M/S/P** to disburse those funds in 2019.
- ◆ Congregational Life (Niki and Gail)-Lenten Picnic March 20th @ 5:00-6:15 before church service. New member pizza lunch April 28th after the 10:10 service.
May 5th – Mingle Box
- ◆ Discipleship (Andrew and Cheryl)- Discussed the Bibleopoly Success. Planning will begin for Faith Lutheran's 150th Anniversary next year and also Augustana District's 10th Anniversary. Faith Groups will plan to begin the week of April 1st.
- ◆ Management (Exec Comm)-Financials were reviewed. An informal audit to have the books reviewed will be done this yr.
- ◆ Worship (Maria and Shelly)-Discussion of adding an evening service. May 5th is the community meal. Discussed recognition for Shirley Holtz of her 52 years of service. Discussion to have Faith Lutheran Church's activities listed on “table tents” in the community. We are a chamber member and the cost would be \$20.00 for 3 months.

Old Business

1. A motion was made for Patsy Amundson to join the worship team. ACTION-M/S/P

New Business

1. Council Retreat – March 19 @ 5:30. We will start with a meal and possibly the Ministry Teams can meet as they eat. We will meet as a large group to discuss the 150th Anniversary which will take place in 2020.
2. March 6th is Ash Wednesday. Worship will take place at noon and 6:30. We will partnership with Christ the King and St. Matthew's of Fernando.. Worship will be based on The Psalms and The Passion.
3. Pastor Dave states the Spring Faith Group Series titled: “Let the Reader Understand”:Making Sense of the Scriptures. The series will run 6 weeks long and start the first week of April.
4. Faith Lutheran Church offers our Pastoral Staff one month Sabbatical for every 5 years of service. Pastor Dave has requested a Sabbatical starting the week after Easter through the month of May and returning the beginning of June for a total of 5 weeks. Pastor Dave's Sabbatical plans are to study, interview, and visit similar sized congregations. He is interested in learning more about community outreach, evening services, etc. ACTION-M/S/P to grant Pastor Dave's Sabbatical.
5. Pastor Scott reported the new signatories needed to be approved by the church council. ACTION-M/S/P to approve them.
6. Wendy has the sign up sheets for devotions and communion helpers. Please sign up for devotions for our Council Meetings. Wendy is asking for the service time that you prefer to help with communion. She will assign dates. Also be sure Wendy has your email address.
7. Laura and Gladys have a goal to have a list or event that a Thrivent Action Team may be needed. Thrivent can assist in expenses for an event with completing an application.
8. The Correspondence Box – A Thank You letter from New Hope Mission Society for a recent gift.
A resignation letter from Shirley Holtz.

Closing Prayer was led by Pastor Dave.

President Amanda adjourned the meeting @ 8:35pm.

Coming up: Tuesday, March 19th Council Retreat with meal starting at 5:30.

Devotions next month: TBA

Connie Stromseth – Secretary