

**Faith Lutheran Church – Council Minuets
Tuesday June 18, 2019**

Council Members and Staff

President Amanda Schueler (19)	x	Vice President Bob Kreie (20)	x	Treasurer Kathy Silvernale (19)	x	Secretary Connie Stromseth(19)	x
Penny Stuber (20)	x	Cheryl Buboltz (19)	x	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				
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Paul	x	Pastor Paulus		Pastor Dave	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Will Holt	x		
Gladys Nissen	x	Laura Weikle	x	Sara Wegner	x		

Call to order by President Amanda Schueler.

Devotion by Niki based on reading from the book : “The Path of Life” by Lisa Robertson

Psalm 16:11 - *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Secretary's Report – The Endowment Fund balance that was reported in the May Council minutes is in error and needs correction.

Treasurer's Report – Action – M/S/P to approve the financial reports.

Pastor/Staff Reports – Pastor Dave visited with the Ministry Teams asking if they would consider helping with a task he “assigns” to each group from the ideas he gathered from different churches during his sabbatical. Gladys Nissen will resigning at the end of July 2019, leaving an opening for the Director of Youth and Family Ministries position.

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life: (Niki and Gail)

- The team met last week and completed the Barn Quilt. The Faith Lutheran logo colors were used. Gail let the team in creating the quilt. It will be placed on the north side of the garage near the peak.
- Discussed treats at Library Square. Ice cream sundae social will be July 28, with Aug. 4 as a back-up.
- Pastor Dave has given this group the “hospitality challenge” - How to welcome people and give a good experience when coming to Faith Lutheran.

Discipleship (Andrew and Cheryl)

- We are halfway through Bibleopoly. Checked in with our new members.
- Pastor Dave asked them to discuss the Faith Group and have small group training to assist them.

Management (Executive Committee)

- Will host the community meal on Sept. 8, partnering with a Faith Group. We are serving the coffee and treats at Library Square and are in need of volunteers to help serve. Several people offered to help.

Worship (Maria and Shelly)

- The temporary sign for outdoor worship is missing. Dick Desens or Mike Blake will be asked if they would be able to build a sign or if a sign could be attached to the cart at the park.
- An amplifier failed and Marc Vaillancourt offered the use of his to borrow. Should we replace or do we try to fix our amplifier? Will plans to do some checking on this.

- Pastor Dave would like this group to discuss live-streaming Sunday services and also for band development, e.g., a drummer for Sanctuary and Foundation services.

Children, Youth and Family (Dan and Monica)

- Faith Family Fun – St. Paul Saints Game on July 14, a 5:00 pm game. General Admission is 6.00. There are activities for kids there. The cost for the activities is 10.00 / wristband. Possibly Thrivent money can help with the costs. This will be posted in the bulletin.
- Faith at the Lake day is August 4.
- Pastor Dave asked this group to create an “umbrella” to promote all Faith Family activities together.

Church in The World (Penny and John)

- Fall Mission Projects : Common Cup – school supplies, packing backpacks with food.
- FLC received a letter from Common Cup asking to donate \$100.00 for a free family swim night. The group voted and decided to do this.
- Shopping cart was donated by Cashwise for the Blessing Box.
- Pastor Dave asked this group possibly to place a world map with pictures of our missionaries and where they are located. Also an idea to pick three local mission to help serve.

Old Business

1. Intern Update:
 - Katie Mayland – 10 hours/week, working on social media, graphic design, website
 - Brandon Baarnal – 30 hours/week, working with children, youth and family
 - Kaitlyn Kellerman – 20 hours/week, working with children, youth and family
2. Blessing Box Update: An article about it was in the paper. There has been a lot of use of the box. Just a reminder that this does not replace the Food Shelf donations.

New Business

1. Youth Director position posted.
2. Continue to discuss the Financial Coordinator and custodial positions.
3. Sabbatical report from Pastor Dave: visited several churches gathering literature, connecting with staff members, visiting their online and social media sites, and taking photos.
4. I.T. Update: A year ago it was discussed in council that the server was at the end of its life and what is cost effective at the time. IT has looked at the option to continue with Marco vs. switching to Nuvera. Nuvera offered to waive the fees to install the fiber cable. It would host the server at Nuvera here and in New Ulm. The IT team would like to make the recommendation to switch over to Nuvera. Marco is paid for server related items. As an example the battery back-up “died” a few months ago and there is not offsite back up with Marco. Also our IT volunteer team helps if there are desktop issues. With Nuvera the initial fees are: \$1,300 set up fees and \$450.00/month. This would eliminate purchasing a new server and labor. Fiber fees would be waived. This is a 5-year contract. Due to the growth and change of building, IT did not want to go with a 7-year contract. An e-mail will be sent out for a vote by council members and staff once more information is obtained for 5-year vs. 7-year contract.
5. Other: MNDOT has a policy of compensating property owners for the use of property during road construction. It offered Faith Lutheran \$3,800.00 to use our property during construction. It is a temporary right to use our property for re-constructing Main Street.
6. The Blessing Box was commissioned before the council meeting.

Correspondence: Augustana District thank you for our gift to the Tabor congregation in Ethiopia.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 beginning at 6 p.m. Devotions for next month : Dan Moe

Connie Stromseth – Congregational Secretary