

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, March 15, 2022

President John Olsen	x	Vice President Mona Hjerpe	x	Treasurer Ian McDonald	x	Secretary Penny Stuber	x
Connie Stromseth	x	Daryl Bateman	x	Tanja Glaser		Lindsey Hoffman	x
Al Scharn	x	Mark Schumann	x	Niki Pokornowski	x	Patricia Block	x
		Maria Weikle	x	Karna Blake	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x	Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Sara Wegner	x	Jeff Amundson	x
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst			

Call to order by President John Olsen @ 8:45 p.m.

Opening Devotions by John Olsen

Secretary's Report—M/S/P to approve the February meeting minutes as presented

Treasurer's Report:

Reminder: \$50,000 has been moved from the General Fund bank balance to a reserve fund. \$768.23 of accumulated interest has accumulated in the Special Account Funds. There is no easy way to break out the interest to designated funds.

M/S/P to allocate the \$768.23 to the General Fund account as other interest income. Expense to the Building/Maintenance account will include fire extinguishers and sprinklers in April

Action: M/S/P to approve the treasurer's report for February 2022.

Ministry Team Reports:

Children, Youth and Family (Patricia and Lindsey)

Retreat Discussion Question:

There is a huge, persistent habit of parents bringing children to Sunday School and confirmation, but not attending worship as a family. How can we address that in an effective way with those parents?

Other discussion included:

Recap of March Faith Family Fun Event - Pool Party—Great turnout of 70+ participants. Next Faith Family Fun Event—Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Easter painting event with Tara from the Paint Factory; buy paint kits or free paint

Church in the World (Connie and Al)

Retreat Discussion Question: Faith's mission connections are a vital part of its life and ministry, yet they seem to remain a well-kept secret to most of the church. How can we help more people see how our congregation gathered in worship is connected to the whole Christian Church around the world?

Other discussion included:

People want to know how to help/give to the Ukraine. Donations will be collected by Faith to pass on to ministry partners in Estonia and YWAM-Nuremberg to house refugees.

Working to use bulletin board near the main-floor restrooms to highlight mission partners.

Common Cup has been invited to the next team meeting

Congregational Life (Niki and Tanja)

Retreat Discussion Question: A fairly small circle of Faith's members comprise the participants in most Faith's ministries. How can we increase the sense of ownership and value of participating in FLC's ministries?

Other discussion included:

Food Drive continues through March (Feb 28-April 10)

Will write and send cards to 6th-grade/confirmation students receiving 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Discipleship (Daryl and Mark)

Retreat Discussion Question: Even among those who do attend worship, a tiny minority attends Digging Deeper, Bible studies, or congregational events. What are the reasons for that and how can we encourage greater participation?

Other discussion included:

Team will host a community meal in the fall

Team will put together May Day baskets for Bless the Years Sunday and deliver them to members who are homebound or in senior living facilities

Team will put together outdoor service invitations. Discussed adding brochures about FLC which could be used by members to invite others to outdoor worship services this summer

Management (Exec Comm)

Retreat Discussion Question: A great blessing at Faith has been the amazing turnaround in its giving and financial health. How can we continue to encourage that without generous giving becoming a substitute for regular worship?

Other discussion included:

Team signed up to host the community meal in October

Discussed Quick Book pricing as well as other options for accounting software

Music and Worship (Maria and Karna)

Retreat Discussion Question: It seems obvious that many Christians today do not find weekly worship services compelling enough to make them a top priority. Apart from finding more charming and competent pastors, how can we make the promises God makes about worship services more compelling?

Other discussion included:

Team signed up to host the community meal in July, picnic style.

Recruiting men to pose as disciples for the Maundy Thursday worship services

Tech night to be held in March will be rescheduled. Date TBD

Old Business:Sound/Tech Booth - Sanctuary

1. A committee has been formed and the first meeting held. A plan will be brought to council
2. Greenhouse Task Force has met. It's important to differentiate between summer interns and Greenhouse intern program. Working on creating promotional materials

New Business:Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Easter Sunday walks through the last week of Christ's life on Earth. This is the heart of our worship. Encourage/Invite others to join in the journey through Holy Week

Easter Communion Volunteers Needed:

See/e-mail Wendy if you are available to help with Holy Communion on Easter Sunday

Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee recommends to council that Chris Wilke be appointed an at-large member of the committee to replace Niki Pokornowski, whose term has expired.

M/S/P to approve the recommendation to appoint Chris Wilke as an at-large member on the Personnel Committee.

Other—None presented.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next regular church council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions next month by Niki Pokornowski