

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 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	x	Lindsey Hoffman	x
Al Scharn	x	Mark Schumann		Niki Pokornowski	x	Patricia Block	x
		Maria Weikle		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	x		

Call to order by President, John Olsen @ 7:41 p.m.

Opening Devotion by Kristen Matthews—Whom do we see Jesus in? Mission trip reflections.

Secretary's Report: M/S/P to approve the June meeting minutes as presented

Treasurer's Report:

Decrease in checking account balance of about \$34,000 from the beginning of the year.

The Capital Campaign Fund continues to receive donations.

Mission Trip funds increased; received \$5,400 in donations for the mission trip for gas. If not all of this was used for the 2022 trip and will remain in the account for the 2023 trip.

Faith Forward is still receiving donations. Balance is nearly \$85,000. \$1700 in earnest money was paid. It will be returned if the congregation decides not to purchase the house. \$375 for inspection of the house has also been disbursed. A designated gift of \$100,000 for the purpose of housing for Greenhouse has been pledged, but has not been received.

The church has received \$16,000 more in donations in 2022 than last year at this time, but has paid \$33,000 more in expenses. Benevolence gifts are now given in equal monthly amounts so that our mission partners have access to funds more regularly.

August will be a five Monday month; deposits are made on Mondays

M/S/P to approve the treasurer's report for June 2022.

Pastor/Staff Reports

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life (Niki and Tanja)

Looking to fill two Sundays for Treats in the Park

Community meal set for August—Brats, hamburgers, salads, chips, dessert will be served

Greenhouse and house purchase discussion

Progressive dinner discussed - Around the World theme

Discipleship (Daryl and Mark)

Made phone calls to the new members; many positive responses received from them
Will serve the Community meal on September 11 and serve treats in the park on July 31
Discussion of possible topics for a fall Faith Groups series.
Discussed hosting a National Night Out event in 2023 to reach out to our neighborhood

Management (Exec Comm)—Greenhouse and house purchase were discussed

Music and Worship (Maria and Karna)

Community meal served in July to about 35 people; will serve treats in the park August 14.
September 11 will be the last worship in the park for summer 2022
Faith will participate in the Common Cup concert, which will return in November
Tech night will be hosted by Austin on Sept. 9 to review sound, video, computer equipment used for worship each week. Current volunteers and others who are interested are invited.
Ensembles will begin practicing September 6
Austin will perform at Peace Lutheran Church's noon recital on Wed., August 3, Noon - 1pm

Children, Youth and Family (Patricia and Lindsey)

No Faith Family Fun event for August
Discussion on Fall kickoff on Sept. 11. Worship to set up Park by 9 a.m. so equipment can be used for Faith Rocks.

Church in the World (Connie and Al)

Katie Weikle update - YWAM in Germany. There is a "Donate" button on the Faith Lutheran website to help Ukrainian refugees YWAM is housing in the dorm usually used by students. Students' arrival for mission school has been delayed. It also hosts a thrift store for clothing and housewares. We got a thank-you note for donations, continued support, and prayers.
Blessing box struggling to keep up with donations for the box - heavily used
Church in the world would like to make a donation of \$1000 from the Global special benevolence fund for FLY Youth to support mission partners from the mission trip in Denver.

Old Business:

Radio Broadcast Change—July 24 will be the last live radio broadcast. July 31 will begin the broadcast of a recording of the previous week's service.

New Business:

Special Congregational meeting concerning purchase of the house at 144 2nd Ave SE, Hutchinson. Per bylaws, only the congregation is allowed to authorize the purchase of property. If approved, the purchase must be completed by August 15, 2022. Earnest money of \$1700 will be returned to the church if the congregation does not approve the purchase.
Pastor Dave reviewed the vision of the Greenhouse program. It involves intentional Christian community and learning opportunities for young leaders for the future of church ministry. A member of the congregation has pledged to donate \$100,000 towards housing specifically for the Greenhouse program. It is possible that one intern might start this fall. The future vision is to have 6-8 interns in the house, learning together. Work needs to be done on "pipelines" for the program in order to secure interns.
Before the congregational meeting, we will get quotes for plumbing, tree removal, and electrical issues as addressed in the inspection report

The meeting will be announced at church for the next two Sundays, plus a mailing will go out to all members of the congregations. A page on the website will be devoted to Greenhouse, as well as frequently asked questions and answers about the house purchase.

The house could also be used for small-group Bible studies for young adults or retreats.

At the special meeting, the vote will be by ballot. Only a majority is needed to approve. If the church says no to this purchase, it does not mean saying no to the Greenhouse project.

Motion made to call a special congregational meeting on Wed., Aug. 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm to consider and vote on whether to purchase the property at 144 2nd Ave SE, Hutchinson.

Motion was seconded. Vote held by show of hands: Yes 11, No 0, Abstain 0 Motion passed.

Phase II Building Project

Architect will be back in August

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Devotions next month by Mark Schumann.