

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

President John Olsen	x	Vice President Mona Hjerpe	x	Treasurer Ian McDonald		Secretary Penny Stuber	x
Connie Stromseth	x	Daryl Bateman		Tanja Glaser	x	Lindsey Hoffman	x
Al Scharn	x	Mark Schumann	x	Niki Pokornowski	x	Patricia Block	x
		Maria Weikle		Karna Blake	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x	Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
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 @ 7:45 p.m.

Devotion by Penny Stuber

Secretary's Report:

Action: M/S/P to approve the August meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Update

Checking account balance for August is \$18431.01.

This is a decrease of \$73,400 from our beginning of the year balance

August and September giving are trending down from last year

Special Fund balances are down this month.

Ansgar House purchase was completed in August

Mission trip expenses paid out in August

Building Repair and Improvement fund decrease due to yearly elevator maintenance paid

Admin expense is up \$6,500 for the month of August due to payment to the three summer interns who elected to be paid once at the end of the summer.

August was a five-week deposit month and donations received are much lower than 2021 which was a four-week month.

We continue to make a conscious effort to pay our benevolence monthly versus at the end of the year to help our ministry partners and model faithful giving.

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

Pastor/Staff Reports

Ministry Team Reports:

Children, Youth and Family (Patricia and Lindsey)

Discussed Faith Family Fun Event for November: Packing Operation Christmas Child boxes
Sunday, November 6 from 2 pm to 4 pm

Donations are needed to fill the boxes

Encouraging groups to collect certain items for the boxes (i.e. toys for boys 9-14, hygiene items, or school supplies)

Encouraging an intergenerational event

Church in the World (Connie and Al)

Common Cup - Bev Bonte spoke with the group about their mission/programs

Discussed moving the Blessing Box

Congregational Life (Niki and Tanja)

Discussed the Progressive Dinner Sunday, October 9

Will begin selling tickets beginning Sunday, September 26

100 tickets will be printed

Around the World theme

Food/decorations/ice breakers from the countries of our mission partners

Discipleship (Daryl and Mark)

Discussed the Community Meal hosted in September; Money left on their Thrivent card from the meal will use these funds to purchase items for the Blessing Box

Will host a Date Night Event on October 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Will host Soup and Chili Supper prior to first Advent service November 30 in the Faith Center

Management (Exec Comm)

Discussed roof leaks/repairs: All current leaks have been addressed

Discussed replacing the roof on the garage

Discussed Community Meal will host October 2

Music and Worship (Maria and Karna)

Discussed Reigndown Christian Music Festival Event: Christian Music Festival - Worship music provided by local worship bands hosted by Vineyard Methodist Church on Saturday Sept 25 from 1 pm - 7 pm at the Masonic West River Park in the Riversong bandshell. Food Trucks and Bouncy House available' CTK/Faith will provide music at 3:30 pm

Discussed the purchase of a new piano for the music room.

Make and Model of piano: Kawai K-200

Purchase will include a humidifier

Purchase price \$6775.95

Designated Special Music Fund	\$1574.58
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Undesignated Memorial Funds	\$5000.00
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General Music Fund	\$201.37
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Action: Motion M/S/P to use the funds as noted above to purchase a piano for the music room.

Old Business:

Ansgar House Update

Electrical work is completed

Hardwood Floors have been sanded and refinished

Replaced the toilet upstairs

Painted the bedrooms upstairs

Kitchen Cabinets have been taken off and are being painted

Hailey has moved into the home

Have hosted a couple of young adult events at the house

Once the floors are done and the furniture moved in would like to have an open house on a Sunday after worship services

Personnel Approval

Proposal: To have Haley Conn live in the Ansgar House in return for helping the church coordinate young adult ministry and for doing some graphic design/social media work.

Personnel committee recommended to the council that Haley be offered this internship-like position, even though she does not perfectly fit the profile of the interns we hope to host there in the future. The arrangement will be reviewed after one year to see where both Haley and the church are in the use of the Ansgar House.

Vote of the council taken by email: Yes 13, No 0.

Hailey is working on designing a brochure to bring to LCMC convention
College internship and career fairs - suggested option for getting the word out

Phase II Update

Creating a contact list of members to serve on the building committee

Architect will be contacted for another meeting once the building committee has been established.

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Article written by Pastor Scott was in September Faith Matters.

Encourage members to increase their level of engagement in church activities by finding a new way to get involved. Attend one more service per month, join a small group, volunteer to usher, greet, serve, etc.

Other

New Business:

Mission Trip 2023 Budget Review

Kristen reviewed the Mission Trip Budget for 2023

Trip is scheduled for July 7-15 to Logan, WV

70 spots have been reserved 60 youth, 10 leaders

Motion: To budget \$8000 as the congregation's commitment to the 2023 mission trip budget. This is an increase of \$500 from the 2022 commitment.

Action: Motion M/S/P

LCMC ANNUAL Gathering Preview

Gathering will be October 2-5 held at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, MN.

All four pastors will be attending the gathering

LCMC denomination continues to grow - nearly 1000 congregations

Other

Correspondence

A card from the Institute of Lutheran Theology, postmarked August 25th, thanking Faith Lutheran Church for our gift of \$1,750.

A letter from the Common Cup Ministry, postmarked August 25th, thanking Faith Lutheran Church for our gift of \$1,625 and \$250.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Devotions next month by Tanja Glaser.