

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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	x	Niki Pokornowski	x	Patricia Block	x
		Maria Weikle		Karna Blake	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave		Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Sara Wegner		Jeff Amundson	
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President, John Olsen @ 7:43 p.m.

Devotion by Ian McDonald

Secretary's Report:

Action: M/S/P to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Update:

For the first time in 13 years Faith Lutheran did not meet our budget (2022)

A lot of giving came in during the month of December

Despite the shortfall, Faith received more offerings in 2022 than in 2021

All year end balances have been transferred into their appropriate accounts

Special funds decreased balance

College mission trip payments made

Disbursement of a bequest completed

Building Repair and Improvement fund continues to grow

Bid has been accepted to do roof repair

Repair will be paid from this account when the repair is completed.

Reviewed the final budget

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

Pastor/Staff Reports

Kristen reviewed the college mission trip to Costa Rica from Jan 1-7

First few days spent preparing the camp for the kids to come

A day of rest spent site seeing and ziplining

Rest of time spent working with the kids at the camp

Ministry Team Reports:

Congregational Life (Niki and Tanja)

- Hosting Cabin Fever Faith Family Fun day - Sunday, Feb 5
- Hosting Food Drive in March for McLeod County Food Shelf
 - Dates collecting - Feb 27-April 2
 - Matching funds received by the food shelf during this time
- Serving Lenten Picnic prior to Lent church service on Wednesday, March 15

Discipleship (Daryl and Mark)

- Discussed potential dates for Spring Date Night Event - March 31 or April 14
- Preparing to mail out anniversary cards to members to celebrate years of membership

Management (Exec Comm)

- Discussed Ansgar House
 - House will be empty in March
 - Ring doorbell has been installed and will be monitored for security
 - Young adult group will continue to meet there weekly
- Transition of 401(k) Plan for staff continues to be a work in progress
- Reviewed and discussed 2022 Budget - see treasurer's report
- Reviewed and discussed proposed 2023 Budget

Music and Worship (Maria and Karna)

- Reviewed the team's highlights from 2022
- Handel's Messiah will once again be performed in May 7 at 3 pm
 - Practices will begin on January 15
 - Those interested are encouraged to attend practice
 - Or contact Austin - looking for singers, instrumentalists, and readers.

Children, Youth and Family (Lindsey and Patricia)

- Hosting Cabin Fever Faith Family Fun day - Sunday, Feb 5

Church in the World (Connie and Al)

- \$500 donated to the College Mission Trip participants
- Participants were given \$500 to donate as they saw fit while on the mission trip in Costa Rica.
 - A speaker was stolen from the camp last spring
 - \$300 will be used to add a speaker to the camp
 - \$200 donated directly to the camp
- Free community meal
 - Need groups to serve these meals for all months in 2023
 - Austin volunteered the Rings of Faith group to host February's meal

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Update

- The committee has been meeting regularly and working diligently to fill the ministry team and council representative positions-8 positions left to fill

Financial End of Year Update (2022)

2022 in Review:

- The beginning bank balance is \$23,000 less for 2023 than 2022.
- Missed meeting the 2022 budget by \$18,970.76
- Received \$22,000 more in receipts in 2022 versus 2021
- Will continue to tithe 11% of our receipts to local/global mission partners

New Business:

2023 Budget Recommendations

Proposed budget is an increase of 4.3%

Missed our 2022 budget by 2%

Exec. Committee recommends we continue with benevolence of 11%

Motion can be made at the annual meeting to amend the budget

Action: M/S/P to Recommend the Proposed Budget to the annual meeting

Annual Meeting Preview

Date: January 29, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Meeting has to be in January per bylaws of the church

We encourage those who are serving or nominated to serve on council or a team to attend the meeting

We encourage ALL members to attend to learn the business of the church

Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, January 15

All confirmed members of the church are voting members of church

Lunch will be served by youth after 10:10 church services and before the meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Devotion for February - Tanja Glasser