

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

President Mona Hjerpe	x	Vice President Dennis Langehaug	x	Treasurer Ian McDonald		Secretary Amanda Schueler	x
Jan Kreie	x	Tanja Glaser	x	Mark Schumann	x	Lindsey Hoffman	x
Al Scharn	x	Monica Schiller	x	Joy May	x	Jamie Kaping	x
		Derek Durst	x	Karna Blake			
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave	x	Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit		Sara Wegner	x	Jeff Amundson	x
Austin Willhite	x	Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst	x		

Call to order by President, Mona Hjerpe @ 7:38 p.m.

Devotion by Al Scharn

Secretary's Report:

Action: M/S/C to approve the August 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Update:

- General fund offerings are slightly under budget for the month but YTD compared to last year we are up 7.12%
- As of September 15th, offerings were around \$40,000 compared to \$38,000 all of September 2022
- We have not had to dip into the reserves so far this year
- \$5,913 has been received to help cover costs at Ansgar house, leaving us short around \$200 to cover the cost of gutter/soffit repair. Gifts continue to come in
- Action: M/S/C to approve the treasurer's report for August 2023.

Pastor/Staff Reports

- Presented without questions

Ministry Team Reports:

Children, Youth and Family (Lindsey and Jamie)

- Operation Christmas Child packing event will be November 5th after church from 11:15 to 1:00. Pizza will be provided
- Great Start – new program for school late starts has 32 of 45 spots filled

Church in the World (Al and Jan)

- Forming a community meal task force to discuss the future of the program, members of the congregation will be asked to participate and will report back at next council meeting

Congregational Life (Tanja and Monica)

- Brainstorming ideas to replace New Member Lunch, more to come
- Working on the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social
- Planning an Advent Cookies and Cocoa event for December 6th

Discipleship (Mark and Joy)

- Date Night is set for October 27th 6:30 – 9:00
- Men of Faith are working on a resource library
- Continue to work on Congregation Anniversary cards. Have heard good things from those who have received them

Management (Exec Comm)

- Sanctuary roof repair – workers will be on site September 25th for a 3 day project
- Snow Removal - seeking quotes for sidewalk removal, lot is taken care of
- Discussed upcoming Personnel Committee items including budgeting, benefits review and complying with new MN regulations regarding sick/safety time

Music and Worship (Karna and Derek)

- Second bell fundraiser tentatively set for December 13th with a catered meal and entertainment, more to come
- Kids Music Club had first session with 12 participants

Old Business:

- Kick Off Sunday Review
 - 1st Sunday at the park, well attended with great activities, 131 kids in Sunday School last Sunday
 - Fall Theme – A Simple Way, used throughout all of the programs of the church
- Intern Update
 - Heard from Joshua and Courtney – they're enjoying their experience so far
 - Spent 2 weeks with Kristen, next will be Pastor Scott and Pastor Dave followed by time with Pastor Paulus, Marsha and Jeff
- Phase 2 Building Update
 - Committee made significant progress at the last meeting
 - Meeting Thursday, Sept 21st – close to bringing something to the congregation
 - Tossing around names of people willing to be on the fundraising committee to help decide how to proceed with that part of the project

New Business:

- Mission Trip 2024 Budget Review
 - YouthWorks has increased their price, we have 68 of 75 spots reserved so far
 - Requested \$8,000 from church budget to help cover costs. This is the same amount budgeted for 2023. Action: M/S/C to approve that funding
- Fall Faith Groups
 - Begin September 26th, meal provided at 5:15 with video to start at 6:00
 - Talk to Marsha to join a group or form your own
- Thanksgiving Eve communion volunteers still needed – contact Wendy

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm

Devotion for October – Lindsey Hoffman

Closing Prayer by Pastor Scott

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm