

Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

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

Call to order by President, Mona Hjerpe @ 7:40 p.m.

Devotion by Laura Stowman

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Update:

- We had to dip in to our Reserve account for \$30,000. Anticipate this being the low point of the year
- A donor gave money to cover remaining needed for Ansgar House repairs
- Building Repair Fund increased significantly, earmarked for roof repairs
- CD renewed at 4.5%
- Collected contributions are up 9% from 2022, however last year was exceptionally poor
- Action: M/S/C to approve the treasurer's report for September 2023.

Pastor/Staff Reports

- Continued appreciation of staff who put these together
- Wendy asked us to consider any changes we would like to see on the website, it is being redone next year

Ministry Team Reports:

Music and Worship (Karna and Derek)

- Continued planning second Bell Fundraiser – set for December 13th
- Kids Music Club up to 16 participants, they are working with the quilters to create a quilt
- Common Cup concert is November 19th at 2:00pm

Children, Youth and Family (Lindsey and Jamie)

- Laura & Kristen putting together boxes for confirmation kids
- Operation Christmas Child packing event is November 5th
- First Great Start program was held in October, things went smoothly

Church in the World (Al and Jan)

- A rep from UCAP came to speak to them about helping creating baskets for people who come to them for housing help. This would be a part of the local missions budget
- Community Meal task force met with the conclusion to disband. The Church in the World team would like to have more time for research and discussion and so tabled a decision for a later date

Congregational Life (Tanja and Monica)

- Pie & Dessert Social after Thanksgiving Eve service, November 22nd
- Working on a Giving Tree, this year for senior citizens
- Cookies and Cocoa event after December 6th Advent Service

Discipleship (Mark and Joy)

- Soup & Chili Supper is November 29th, encourage all to sign up to provide soups/chilis.
- Date Night tickets still available
- Working on 4th quarter member cards

Management (Exec Comm)

- Roofing project outside is complete, will decide what next steps are for the inside damage
- Snow removal on the sidewalks has been contracted out for this winter

Old Business:

- LCMC Gathering Update
 - Good speakers and networking experiences were had
 - Interns enjoyed their time – impressed with the tone and excitement of the gathering
 - Next year in Cedar Rapids and will be live streamed
- Phase 2 Building Update
 - Plans continue to be revised with the architect
 - Committee is hoping to present to congregation in January
- Roof Repair
 - Work on the church roof is done and has begun at Ansgar

New Business:

- Year End Giving Goals
 - Will start to have bulletin inserts, pulpit talks, etc as we get closer to the end of the year
 - Hoping to encourage giving as soon as possible rather than the very end of the year
- Communion Volunteers Needed
 - Council members took all remaining spots that were added to coincide with our Small Catechism Theme

The next Regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 beginning at 6:00 pm

Devotion for November – Karna Blake

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm