

Congregational Council Meeting
April 28, 2025
Minutes
Faith Lutheran Church

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., by Darryl Anderson, Council President.

Attendance: Pastor Jean Hanson, Lori Ashenfelter, Darryl Anderson, Nicole Vincent, Tom Payton, Fedearia Sweval, Nancy Hooper, Wendy Gajarsky,

Guests: Lorelee Daily, Sandy Selby, David Weida, Mark Watkins

Devotions: Pastor Jean

Review of Minutes:

Pastor Jean motioned to accept the March 17, 2025 minutes and the March 27, 2025 Special Council meeting minutes; Fedearia seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Treasurer: Report submitted. Wendy motioned to accept the treasurer's report for review; Lori seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Pastor Jean Hansen: Report submitted. Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative will be at services on May 11, 2025. She will be on vacation May 12-25, 2025 with Pastor Rick Gordon presiding on 5/18 and Pastor Sandy Selby on 5/25.

Eric Jezewski: Report submitted.

David Simpson: Report submitted. Hunger Walk is this Sunday, May 4, 2025. There are three ways to participate in the walk. There were two very generous individual donations made to Loads of Faith.

President's Report: Report submitted.

Old Business:

Collaboration team members joined the meeting to follow up on the Collaborative Ministry Listening sessions and give updates on HTLC. Pastor Jean summarized that the leadership at HTLC acknowledges that the congregation's future may be short-term; they are proposing renovating their building to make it more usable for current members, community groups and future users. They would like to continue the conversation about sharing pastoral/staff leadership with Faith Lutheran Church.

Pastor reviewed the Listening Sessions Summary. Two questions were posed concerning how to share the summary with our congregation and if we will continue collaboration discussion with HTLC. It was agreed that a copy of the summary would be made available in the church, by e-mail and in the e-news. Noting what seemed to be a shift in the situation at HTLC, a need was expressed to seek clarification concerning what collaboration means to HTLC in terms of Faith's interaction with them. There also were questions concerning the impact of the collaboration on a future call process for a pastor. It was agreed that the Council officers and Collaboration Team will participate in a meeting with HTLC leadership and Pastor Mitch Phillips of the Synod Staff to clarify HTLC's future direction and FLC's involvement.

New Business:

Continuing Resolutions updates were distributed for review. Duane motioned to table the review until the next meeting. Lori seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Tom made a motion for ratification of the Roto-Rooter second expenditure of \$ 2,650.00 to clean out the sewer lines; Lori seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Nicole will follow up concerning the recommendation to repair the broken hub.

Nicole shared that the Memorial Courtyard benches need refinished with a quote of \$1350 from the Team. These funds would come from the courtyard budget. Tom made a motion to approve the work. Fedearia seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ministry Area Reports

Care and Nurture: Wendy Gajarsky

Daughter of Faith program will be May 15, 2025

Communication: Duane Daily

Duane received a request from the SJ/SP Endowment Board that the website be revised so that the grant application can be filled out on-line and sent electronically. The endowment would cover the cost, including cyber insurance. It was agreed to have the Endowment Board give input for a risk (to cyber attacks) assessment, so the request was tabled.

Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: Nicole Vincent

No further report.

Faith Endowment: Darryl Anderson

No further report.

Growth and Learning: Nancy Hooper

No report.

Ministry/Staff Development: Fedearia Sweval

Mark talked with Eric regarding the youth ministry; they will continue to meet to discuss future options.

Operations:

Property: Joe Antal/Nicole Vincent

Nicole addressed the garden needs.

Financial: Darryl Anderson

Darryl shared that the Finance Committee will review our new insurance.

Outreach: Tom Peyton

No further report.

Preschool Board: Lori Ashenfelter

Minutes were submitted. The enrollment numbers look very good.

Worship: Joe Antal

Pastor shared that Deb Rose, who changes the altar paraments, wants to retire. Pastor talked about remodeling the Sacristy, due to it not being a use- friendly space.

Adjournment/The Lord's Prayer/Next Meeting: 7 p.m. on May 19

Submitted by Wendy Gajarsky, Council Secretary