

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting, June 16, 2025**

Meeting **Called to Order** at 7:06 p.m.

**Attendees:** Lori Ashenfelter, Fedearia Sweval, Nancy Hooper, Duane Daily, Darryl Anderson, Pastor Jean, Joe Antal, Tom Peyton and Nicole Vincent

**Excused:** Wendy Gajarsky

**Devotions:** Pastor Jean

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

**Review of the Minutes:** One correction: add Duane Daily to the attendees from last month. Lori motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, and Duayne seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Staff Reports:**

- Treasurer: YTD revenues are behind budgeted amounts and expenses. Pastor Jean motioned to accept the report for review and Tom seconded. All were in favor motion passed.
- Pastor Jean Hansen: Report Submitted. She is the Spiritual Care volunteer at Grace House this month. Also, she noted that VBS is off to a great start with additional children registering beyond the planned 60; approximately 68 in total.
- Eric Jezewski: Report Submitted. He noted that it's challenging to get kids to show up for acolyte/serving duties.
- David Simpson: Report Submitted
- President's Report: Report Submitted

**Old Business:**

- **Continuing Resolution Update:** Will continue to use Growth and Learning as ministry area title, and the Memorial Courtyard will remain listed as a team under Operations/Property. Fedearia motioned to accepted the revisions in the Continuing Resolution on "Structure of Ministry at Faith Lutheran Church" and Lori seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. (Pastor Jean reminded the Council that groups are committees if its members are appointed by the Council or elected the congregation).
- **Distribution of Mission Trip Items:** Duane and Lorelee Daily are willing to oversee the distribution of the remaining Mission Trip supplies on July 20 for a donation by members who would like items. Fedearia motioned to accept this plan, Lori seconded. All were in favor motion; the motion passed.
- New Treasurer needed by July 31<sup>st</sup>

**New Business:**

- **Report / Recommendations from meeting with HTLC on June 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Collaboration Team (Lorelee Daily, David Weida, Mark Watkins, Sandy Selby) made the Team's recommendations following meeting with HTLC on June 9.

Faith's Collaborative Team met and made the following recommendations to the Church Council, based on the discussion on June 9.

- a. To continue building a relationship with HTLC through collaborative efforts, but not to pursue a joint call of rostered leaders (clergy, deacon) at this time.

Discussion: Collaboration among congregations often focuses on sharing clergy, due to a shortage of clergy, according to Assistant to the Bishop Mitch Phillips, who also noted that in the future it will not be possible to have a pastor who only serves one congregation. However, Faith and Holy Trinity are not at the point of sharing clergy because they are still functioning as individual congregations. Once the congregations have a sense of mutuality, they can revisit pursuing a joint call of rostered leaders.

- b. To develop a Team of individuals from each congregation to plan collaboration efforts. This would be a team of two Faith and two Holy Trinity members to help with the collaboration between our congregations. It is hoped that the Team will be formed in August.
- c. Potentially share non-rostered staff, i.e., those who are not clergy or deacons.
- d. Consider inviting other congregations to join the collaborative effort, with guidance from the NEOS.

The Council acknowledged that sharing clergy is on hold and agreed upon by both congregations. It was suggested that collaboration efforts be reoriented to outreach ministry and service. Joe motioned to approve the Team's recommendations and Lori seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- **Request for funding from Faith Endowment:** The Faith Endowment has approved a request for \$900.00 from Arthur Kaufman to assist with covering expenses for the Church Picnic. The total project cost is \$1,800. Lori motioned to approve this grant and Fedearia seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- **Finance Committee Requests for Approval**
  - a. Acceptance of a \$10,000 donation of appreciated stock. Nicole motioned to accept; Federia seconded; all were in favor – motion passed.
  - b. Acceptance of an in-kind donation of wooden cross for the Youth Room. Tom motioned to accept; Nancy seconded; all were in favor, motion passed.
  - c. Approve Darryl Anderson, Kim Kennedy and Nancy Tobar to replace Judy Lee as Thrivent account representative for FLC. Tom motioned to approve, Lori seconded; all were in favor; motion passed.
  - d. Approve Thrivent Corporate and Unincorporated Organization Resolution. Tom motioned to approve; Duayne seconded, all in favor; motion passed.

- **Proposal for Adding Wheelchair Accessible Seating in the Sanctuary:** See attached report from Dana Singer. Joe motioned to accept the proposal, Fedearia seconded; and all were in favor motion passed.

#### **Ministry Area Reports:**

- Care and Nurture: *Wendy Gajarsky*
- Communications: *Duane Daily*
  - Troy Kozee will be stepping down as chair. The Digital Team is exploring podcasts. QR Codes on outside signs for prayer requests are not working.
- Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: *Nicole Vincent*
  - Kinship Café on July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Courtyard, resurfacing of benches will be completed; Team is working to complete the irrigation system automation.
- Faith Endowment: *Darryl Anderson*
- Growth and Learning: *Nancy Hooper*
- Ministry/Staff Development: *Fedearia Sweval*
  - Nina White returns as Nursery Coordinator on July 20 after 6+ months leave-of-absence.
- Operations:
  - Property – *Joe Antal, Nicole Vincent*
  - Financial – *Darryl Anderson*
- Outreach – *Tom Peyton*
- Preschool Board – *Lori Ashenfelter*
  - Next meeting is July 14; there have been multiple requests for help from the scholarship fund, which is not large enough to offer significant assistance given the number of requests.
- Worship – *Joe Antal*
  - A request to consider using intinction to serve communion at both services, due to the lack of people to do altar preparation, was briefly discussed and will receive further consideration. It was noted that lack of altar preparers is the issue, but recruiting help has been difficult.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom moved to adjourn, Federia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.