

Congregation Council Meeting

July 17 2023

Minutes

Faith Lutheran Church

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Lorelee Daily, Council president.

Attendance: Lorelee Daily, Pastor Jean, Tom Peyton, Lori Ashenfelter, Kim Kennedy, Karen Skerlong, Em Antal, Darryl Anderson

Via Zoom: Dana Singer

Excused: Wendy Gajarsky, John Reyes, Nancy Tobar

Devotions: Pastor Dave Nevergall, Romans Chapter 10, and the prayer of the day.

Review of the Minutes

Tom motioned to accept the May 15 minutes; Em seconded the motion. Karen motioned to accept the July 11 Executive Committee Meeting minutes; Darryl, seconded the motion. Motions carried with all in favor.

Guests: Pastor David Nevergall, Keen Lee, Judy Vernon, and John Weisend

Staff Reports

- Treasurer - report submitted. Karen motioned to accept the report for review and Tom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Pastor Jean Hansen - report submitted.
- Eric Jezewski – report submitted.
- David Simpson – report submitted.
- President’s Report – submitted.
 - Lorelee presented the council members with a book, Holy Moments.
- Finance Report – submitted.

Old Business

- Pastor David Nevergall, Digital Ministry Task Force Leader outlined a proposal for the development of the congregation’s digital ministries. He proposed a Task Force working with the church’s teams to assess needs and develop options for digital communication, to have one voice for the church.
 - Options include assembling a teaching program and eventually creating a Communications Team.
 - Discussion with the Finance Committee will be needed to determine possible funding in the budget for future ministry.

Lorelee motioned to move forward with the proposal as presented, Lori seconded the motion with all in favor. Motion carried.

- Online Photo Directory Update - Kim gave an update that 192 individuals and 109 families/households have submitted their profile forms to be included in the online directory.

New Business

- Ratification of Executive Committee Action – regarding the electronic sign repair. Dana discussed a recent storm (electrical surge) and the effect it had on the digital sign. Contact was made with the maker of the digital sign. We will need a new board-controller at a cost of \$2,517 (including installation) and will also need a surge protector installed, to prevent future damage. The warranty on the sign had expired, working with Daktronics, we can extend the warranty at \$3,000 to cover the sign parts (including the controller currently needed) for the next 3-years, through Ellet sign, beginning July 17. Dana proposed replacing the contract that was signed on July 13 and purchasing the 3-year warranty. We would also be responsible to pay the labor to have the parts installed, approximately \$417 for the board controller.

Tom motioned to accept the proposal of signing a 3-year service warranty for sign parts and to repair the electronic sign, using money from the building and grounds emergency fund, allocating up to \$3,500; Darryl seconded the motion with all in favor. Motion carried.

- Proposal concerning incorporating preschool budget in church budget and closing the organ account– John Weisend proposed the following recommendations.
 - The Finance Committee meeting in May included discussion concerning incorporating the preschool budget in the church budget; that recommendation was submitted. Consolidation of the budgets would create transparency for the congregation and allow the Finance Committee to review finances for the congregation as a whole. Since a professional financial review is in process, it was suggested that the pre-school checking account be left open until January 2024.
 - The Preschool's becoming a LLC was discussed; doing so is for legal protection, the process for this is for the concept to be first presented to the preschool board for their input and then brought back to council.

Loralee motioned to accept the proposal to consolidate the pre-school budget with the church's budget beginning in 2024, including the last 5 months of the 2023 calendar year; Em, seconded the motion with all in favor. Tom opposed, Motion carried.

Loralee motioned to close the separate mission account for the organ, but still show designated allocations in the financial report; Darryl, seconded the motion with all in favor. Motion carried.

- Proposal for increased security presentation – Judy Vernon, Keen Lee, proposal submitted and discussed.

- Tom suggested doing our due diligence to get other estimates (Southwest and Slico) preferably two. Tom made a motion for the Property Team to get 1 -2 more quotes based on the proposed presentation; Darryl, seconded the motion with all in favor. Motion carried.

Ministry Area Reports

- Care and Nurture: no report.
- Communications: *Lori Ashenfelter* had nothing more to add to the earlier discussions.
- Faith Endowment: no report.
- Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: no report.
- Growth and Learning: *Em Antal*
Updated on VBS; it went well, they collected 99-birthday bags, and a zoo trip is being planned in August. The discussion by Growth/Learning and Worship ministry leaders concerning changing service times to allow more time between services for Christian education will occur at an upcoming meeting in August.
- Ministry/Staff Development: *Kim Kennedy*
 - Mark Watkins, Staff Support Team Leader, will be scheduling the staff reviews with another Team member and have Pastor Jean review and include input.
- Operations: *Darryl Anderson*
Report attached detailing current projects.
 - There was a deep cleaning and maintenance workday in June. At the next Council meeting there will be a report on the roof.
 - Stewardship meeting is coming up, the Team will plan the Stewardship Emphasis for Fall 2023. However, members have informed Pastor Jean none of them will continue on the Team for the Fall 2024.
- Outreach: *Loralee Daily, Tom Peyton*, report submitted by David Simpson.
- Preschool: *Karen Skerlong*
Karen motioned to ratify the zoo field trip based on the finance committee's approval of \$897 to pay for the trip; Loralee seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Worship: *Dana Singer*

Tom motioned to adjourn; Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment/The Lord's Prayer/Next Meeting: **August 21, 2023.**

Submitted by Kim Kennedy
Council Representative