

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2024

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

Attendance: Lorelee Daily, Pastor Jean Hansen, Tom Peyton, Lori Ashenfelter, Kim Kennedy, Darryl Anderson, Joseph Antal, Nichole Vincent

Excused: Em Antal, Wendy Gajarsky

Devotions: Pastor Jean

Review of minutes:

Joseph motioned to accept the May 20, 2024, minutes; Darryl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Report submitted for review. Lorelee made a motion to accept the May and June reports for review; Tom seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Staff Report:

Pastor Jean Hansen: Report submitted.

Eric Jezewski: Report submitted.

David Simpson: Report submitted.

President's Report:

Report submitted.

Old Business:

- Update on the progress of Service Master re-build: the work is completed; the nursery was returned to its original location and up and running on Sunday.
- The new security system is installed/armed but currently not fully functioning. Some individuals will have 24-hour access to the building, while others will have limited hours, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Limited people will have access to unlocking the preschool rooms doors.
- Gathering of information on tasks and technology needs for a back-up and a succession plan in areas of Financial Manager, IT: Mark Watkins, chair of the Staff Support Team, is setting up a meeting to discuss these issues with Keen and Judy Lee. Kim will be involved in creating a follow-up plan.

New Business:

- With the retiring of the Johnsons from leading the Ohio Mission Trip, the Johnsons would like to have FLC find storage for or determine what to do with supplies, equipment, and the trailer used for that ministry should it not continue. If items are to be sold, the Johnsons inquired if the volunteers that have regularly had leadership roles on the trips could have the opportunity to purchase supplies, equipment, and the trailer. This includes Bruce Lightle, Melissa & David Johnson and Deb Gottas.
 - The Council recommends that an inventory be created of equipment and supplies that the church has purchased, then having the volunteers designate the items they wish to purchase. Then, it will be determined how to proceed. It was suggested that a "lump sum" amount for items be offered.

- John Weisend, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the following for Council discussion and action:
 - Memorial Fund monies in the account that have not been designated, closing the fund: Lorelee made a motion that the Memorial Fund be closed and the money currently in the fund be moved into Operating Savings, with the \$500 designated for worship being moved to the miscellaneous fund. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - A Donation Acceptance Policy has been developed by the Finance Committee that includes a strategic list of acceptable donations. The church can no longer be a conduit for over-seas donations, per the IRS. Nichole made a motion to accept the donations acceptance policy. Darryl seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Revision to the Continuing Resolution for the Distribution of Non-budgeted (miscellaneous) Designated Funds: Lorelee made a motion to approve the amendments to the Continuing Resolution for the Distribution of Non-Budgeted (miscellaneous) Designated Funds, as discussed and documented on the attached document. Kim seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Ratification of the preschool expenditures will be tabled until the preschool can give a breakdown of the \$48,000 grant monies that were not in the 2024 budget. Lori to follow up with the preschool.
- Communication from Dineen Dowling, stepping down from the five-hour-per-week position of Coordinator of Children’s Ministry at the end of August. Council would like to move forward with Mark Watkins, Lorelee Daily, and Pastor Jean interviewing Pastor Sarah Courtney for the position and return to the Council with a recommendation, with a start date in September.
- Digital Ministry Team Equipment request:
 - Tom made a motion to fund the \$5,000 on their equipment request. Lorelee seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Ministry Area Reports:

Care and Nurture: Wendy Gajarsky absent, no report.

Communications: Lorelee Daily, Digital Ministry Team is meeting and on track with its efforts.

Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: Nicole Vincent expressed appreciation for the Team and Sunday’s event.

Faith Endowment: Lorelee Daily

Growth and Learning: Em Antal, absent, no report.

Ministry Development: Kim Kennedy, no report.

Operations: Darryl Anderson reported that there was a building audit with the insurance company, at their request. Finance Committee is considering options for insurance.

Outreach: Tom Peyton

Preschool Board: Lori Ashenfelter

Worship: Joseph Antal reported that the informal service leaders would like to have a window covering on the kitchen door to diminishing the distraction created by kitchen visitors.

Adjournment/The Lord’s Prayer/Next Meeting: August 19, 2024

Nichole motioned to adjourn; Lori second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Submitted by Kim Kennedy, Council Representative