

Congregational Council Meeting
September 16, 2024
Minutes
Faith Lutheran Church

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., Lorelee Daily, Council President.

Attendance: Lorelee Daily, Pastor Jean, Lori Ashenfelter, Kim Kennedy, Darryl Anderson, Nicole Vincent, Wendy Gajarsky
Excused: Joseph Antal, Tom Peyton, Em Antal

Devotions: Pastor Jean

Review of Minutes: *Nicole motioned to accept the August 19, 2024 minutes; Lori seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*

Staff Reports:

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

Pastor Jean Hansen: Pastor addressed plans for the Stewardship Emphasis starting September 29 and continuing until Commitment Sunday October 20, 2024.

Eric Jezewski:
Report submitted.

David Simpson:
Report submitted. Day of Service was well attended. It was very fun with the puppet show.

President's Report:

Report submitted.

Old Business:

Lorelee addressed the distribution of the Ohio Mission supplies and trailer including the prices. Kim made a motion to offer the Johnsons the items they had designated for \$50-\$75; Lori seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Some of the supplies will be used at DLM. It was decided to wait until the first of the year to make a decision about selling the trailer. Darryl suggested offering some items to the Property Team and the Boy Scouts; Pastor Jean will contact them.

New Business:

Kim has decided not to pursue the position of Financial Manager. Pastor discussed meeting tomorrow with Mark Watkins and an individual who is interested in the position. Pastor e-

mailed members of the Digital Team about voluntarily overseeing the numerous IT needs until a more permanent solution can be reached.

Finance Committee needs at least two new committee members. The Treasurer will now manage the financial reports instead of the Finance Committee chair. The hope is that the new software will help in the preparation of the reports. The Financial Manager will generate some of these reports. There is also a need to elect a new Treasurer by December 1, 2024. Kim offered to assist with the software transition.

The Finance Committee proposed restoring to donors a portion of the donations made to the Thailand Ministry this year, as of July 31, 2024. These donations do not qualify as tax deductions. The Committee proposed to reach out to donors. Lori motioned to restore the donations. Darryl seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Darryl reported that there is water damage to the low small roof on the south side of the building, east of the narthex doors that needs repaired. Nicole motioned to approve \$1800 for the repairs from the emergency funds of Building and Ground. Kim seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ministry Area Reports:

Care and Nurture: Wendy Gajarsky

No report.

Communications: Lorelee Daily

No report.

Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: Nicole Vincent

The Final Affairs workshop series is starting September 29, 2024 with 24 people signed up.

Faith Endowment: Lorelee Daily

There have been no requests for remaining funds, so people will be notified.

Growth and Learning: Em Antal

No report.

Ministry/Staff Development: Kim Kennedy

There is a need to replace the Nursery staff coordinator for 6 months and an assistant at the beginning of the year. Pastor Jean motioned for Christine Rees to fill the position of nursery coordinator for the six-month period, and then serve as an assistant. Lorelee seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Operations: Darryl Anderson

Darryl talked further about Stewardship plans for October 6 and October 13 with Commitment Sunday being October 20, 2024. It was noted that the Finance Committee is

discussing having an audit done in 2025; the Council is considering not doing so. Their next meeting is October 28, 2024 to work on the budget.

Outreach: Tom Peyton
Report submitted.

Preschool Committee: Lori Ashenfelter
Next meeting October 7, 2024.

Worship: Joe Antal
Next meeting is September 29, 2024. Reformation Sunday is one service on October 27, 2024 at HTLC.

Adjournment/The Lord's Prayer/Next Meeting:
Nicole motioned to adjourn. Darryl seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Next Meeting is October 21, 2024.

Submitted by Wendy Gajarsky, Council Secretary