

Church Council Retreat Business Meeting
January 21, 2023
Minutes
Faith Lutheran Church

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m. by David Weida, Council President.

Attendance: Pastor Jean, David Weida, Dana Singer, John Reyes, Karen Skerlong, Em Antal, Lorelee Daily, Wendy Gajarsky, Kim Kennedy, Lori Ashenfelter, Darryl Anderson, Nancy Tobar

New Business

- **Election of Officers**
Outgoing president David Weida presented the slate of officers for 2023. John made a motion to approve the slate; Wendy seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. The 2023 Congregation Council officers are Lorelee Daily, President; Dana Singer, Vice President; Paul Skerlong, Treasurer; Nancy Tobar, Secretary. Lorelee presided over the remainder of the meeting.
- **Review of Minutes** (Nov. & Annual Meeting)
Karen motioned to approve the November minutes; Kim seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. The Annual Meeting minutes only need reviewed. They will be approved at the 2023 Annual Meeting. John moved to accept and ratify the Executive Committee Meeting minutes; Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- **Faith Endowment** – “Loads of Faith” and “Rise Against Hunger” grants (John R.) Report submitted. **Loads of Faith** - \$4,000 grant request was submitted to Faith Endowment and approved for recommendation to Council at the Committee’s December 6, 2022, meeting. The money was needed in December and because there was no Council meeting in December to approve the Endowment Committee’s recommendation, the required funds came out of the Outreach budget. **Rise Against Hunger** - grant request of \$2,000 was not approved due to contract language. Eric is to contact RAH to inform them the event will not be held in February. He will search for another project.
- **Photo Directory Explanation** (Pastor Jean)
Faith member Lin Bryant volunteered to research how we can produce an online and print member photo directory. Council was in favor of Lin pursuing this information. Kim Kennedy volunteered to assist.

Old Business:

- **Future of Bereavement Gatherings** (Dana, Wendy)
Penny Thompson has led the Christian, Life and Nurture (CLN) team since 2006 and is looking to step down. She is interested in leading the Bereavement Gathering team. CLN will need to find a new leader.

- **Hiring of a Communications Specialist** (Pastor Jean)
No candidates for this position have come forward. It was suggested that the Council liaison to Communications work with Staff Support to fill this position.
- **Distribution of Memorial Courtyard documents for review** (John R.)
John gave the new Council members background on the status of the Celebration and Memorial Courtyard. Nate Fulmer of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, has determined that the Memorial Courtyard is a cemetery. It has been registered as such with the State of Ohio. John drafted a motion with procedures and rules for operation of the Memorial Courtyard, and the Courtyard Team, for the Council to review. The motion will be addressed at the February Council meeting. Lorelee will speak with David Weida about zoning for a cemetery.

Council Adjourned the business portion of the retreat.

Submitted by Nancy Tobar, Council Secretary