

**Faith Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
February 16, 2023 5:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Greg Allen, Minda Anderson, Sue Doering, James Hintermeister, Alex Kanable, Nathan Oliver, Dalene Saccoman

Absent: Allen McCann

Guests:

- I. **Call the meeting to order** – Meeting called to order by Minda at 5:35
- II. **Updates/Recognitions/Devotions:** Recognized: people helping with worship services – well done; Mission Trip pancake breakfast well received and donations were generous
- III. **Guest & Open Forum**
- IV. **Agenda Review** Motion made by James, seconded by Alex
- V. **Welcome new members:** Alex and Greg (voted in), Sue Doering secretary, Darlene moved to treasurer; there will be a new council member installation during the service – February 26, 2023
- VI. ***Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Greg, seconded by James
 - A. ***Secretary’s Report** - January’s meeting: emailed and in packet
 - B. **Treasurer’s Report** – tabled as there were questions about some of the information
 - C. ***President’s Report** – During this time of transition, FLC continues to focus on stabilizing our finances while offering many of our programs and worship opportunities. Many thanks to all of the people who have stepped forward to help make this happen. Council looks forward to the next step in FLC’s transition.
 - D. ***Mission Team Reports-** no reports
 1. **Adult Education** -
 2. **Altar Care Team** -
 3. **Budget & Finance (Treasurer)** -
 4. **Facility Care/Review** -
 5. **Children, Youth, and Family Team** -
 6. **Home Visitation** -
 7. **Hospitality Team** -
 8. **Mission & Outreach Team/CLI** -
 9. **Mutual Ministry Team** -
 10. **Music & Worship/Communication & Technology** -
 11. **Stewardship Team** -
 12. **Women of Faith (WELCA)** -
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Annual Meeting** – went smoothly, would have liked more participation
 - B. **Committees** – changed the structure to simply “Mission Reports”
Rather than expecting monthly meetings, Council will keep in mind the various areas and report as needed from people that are involved with those areas
 - C. **Gusto** - Jen has it set up and seems to be working well. Gusto is the service we now use to pay employees

D. Youth Mission Trip -

1. June 11 - 16 to Kansas City - 8 students and 3 chaperones signed up (one more chaperone spot for a pastor) - all paid except 2 - Youth Works in charge of: 2 meals, housing, and all activities - FLC will need to drive vans (to be rented) - money to pay for chaperones and vans is in the Sr High account - Chaperones: Wayne Bachler, Delia Diercks, Joe Kurhajetz, (two spots open)
2. Families were promised that FLC would pay: 1 meal day/person, gas, cost of chaperones – checking into which dedicated accounts to take money from
3. Safe Haven Training needed for chaperones, \$25/person A virtual training is available Feb. 28 Motion to pay for chaperones to attend: James/Greg
4. Questions regarding where to rent vans and insurance: who pays? drivers? church? Minda will look into this

E. Volunteer duties signup sheets – in narthex; not many signing up, Nathan will usually ask for help as needed before the service

F. Fellowship & Fun - Wild Game Feb 28 – speaker is at 5:30, 15 people attending
Other suggestions for Fellowship and Fun activities:

- Beer Choir: Host at church in the summer. There will be one on March 17th in New London. Group from there is willing to come up here for FLC.
- Smoke out and game night:
- Twins game:
- Support local business during the summer: 1/month - evenings

VIII. New Business

A. Pastor - interim discussion, transition update - ongoing discussion

Pastor Naomi has a couple of ideas for interim pastors

B. Transition Team - Gary Morgan, Sue Doering, Alex, Nathan

C. New tagline (the church of new beginnings) – Will use on outside sign and in Constant Contact messages; Council approved

D. Attendance documentation - ushers count attendance - look at data - how are we documenting visitors? Guest book is on the Welcome Center

E. Name tags we are getting people to wear them

F. Money Counting - need a new system

Money counting is off - has been difficult for volunteers to have correct amount
Council agrees to make changes in the spread sheet and process for counting

G. Visitation needs – Nathan will check in with people who are helping out

H. Good shepherd volunteer opportunities - Pass for now

I. Dinners at Lent – set up 4:30, ready to serve by 5:45

Desserts needed each week

Confirmation – March 1: Tacos

Church council – March 8: Soup & Bread

Music and Worship – March 15: Soup and Sandwiches

WELCA – March 22: WELCA Pot luck – open to all families to help

Mission Trip – March 29: Spaghetti

J. First Communion (Maundy Thursday)

4th grade and up students – Nathan will check into what is taught/bread to make;
class will be Saturday before Palm Sunday

K. Monthly Celebrations –

January – previous year's baptisms

February – new council installation

March – 1st communion

June – WELCA

July – Council members

September – backpacks

October – Confirmation

December – music, cantata

L. Becker Freedom Day parade- can FLC parking lot be used? – Council approved

M. FLC Spring Clean - April 19

IX. Council Highlights from tonight for others to know

•Putting together Transition team

•Hockey game on February 28th

•Spring cleaning – April 19th

X. Adjournment – Motion made by Darlene/seconded by Alex

Next meeting on March 16 at 4:30.