

Council Meeting April 9, 2017
Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. Meeting called to order by Amy at 11:36am

In attendance: Amy Dieter, Carolyn Peterson, Tony Freitas, Pastor Lines, Carlos Del Pozo, Michelle Hamil, Casey Mills, Mark Duarte, Jennifer Wood, Kathy Van Zuuk
Absent: Ann Linkugel

Total members present: 10
Total members absent: 1
Quorum present: Yes

II. Devotions/Mission, Vision and Values, Pastor – Making God Our First Priority. M/V/V read by Tony.

III. Approval of March 2017 minutes

Motion made by Kathy to approve March minutes as emailed. Seconded by Mark.
Pass: Unanimous

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Have an agreement with Suzanne Rich (bookkeeper) which states we get reports by 10th of month, generally. Got reports on Friday 4/7 this month, apologize for delay in getting the to Council. About \$16,000 is given each month; our budget is about \$18,000 per month so we are running about \$2,000 a month in arrears on ongoing basis. Tony to make presentation to congregation each quarter with the first one occurring 2 weeks after Easter. What to do about deficit is the question that will be addressed. Right now, we are watching, praying, and waiting. April might have greater giving because attendance will be higher for Easter. Last year we didn't go into the red until July or August and things should even out over the remainder of the year. This year, weather might play a factor in keeping attendance down. Pastor: have probably spent the bulk of what we will spend this year with the exception of Day Camp. Some expenses will be amortized over the course of the year. Some expense reimbursements have not been repaid yet. Agree with Tony that expenses vs income will even out as year goes along.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS

- a. Education, Scott Stonestreet/Becky Stonestreet: Adult Ed, as emailed
- b. Hospitality/Witness, Cam Bennett: None
- c. Service, Colleen Hogan: As emailed
- d. Worship, Leah Cole: None
- e. Prayer/Healing, Ann Linkugel: None
- f. Site Improvement, Carlos Del Pozo: None
- g. Music, Janine Dexter: As emailed
- h. Men's Group, Tony Freitas: None
- i. Labor of Love, Connie Elmore: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Church bank accounts, Pastor: Obtaining executive committee signatures on bank documents. Will try to open account at Golden One. If Carol and Janice have trouble opening an account there then will go to Community First. Barbara Wauters will go separately to sign signature cards.

Motion made by Kathy that we open bank accounts at Golden One or Community First. Seconded by Casey.

Pass: Unanimous

b. Alcohol policy, Tony: Policy Committee hasn't met yet but Tony gathering information on legal language, insurance issue. Are being sensitive to members of our congregation in AA and other church aspects. Committee members are Carlos, Jennifer and Tony.

Action: Jennifer will ask other churches for copy of their policy. Will ask what other churches do and why they do it.

c. Capital Campaign, Tony: Balance in fund is \$67,000. Nothing going on right now. Doug Kern has been in conversations with Steve Bennett and will starting work on Education Building after Easter. All trees that were marked to come down, have been cut down except 2 trees in back of property. These trees will be cut down in May. In terms of electronic giving directly to Capital Campaign because a specific fund cannot be designated when using Pay Pal; and Pay Pal takes a big fee when a donation is made. Kathy: Some trees have ivy growing on them but can't use Round-Up because tree roots will also be poisoned. Will need to pull ivy twice a year.

d. Youth and other ministry brochures, Pastor: No additional progress made. Will work on brochures again after Easter because want to have most of them ready by Pioneer Day (June 4th).

e. Logo, Pastor: Regarding branding and logos, looked over site that Anna suggested. Designs can go as low as \$50 and high as \$500. Almost every company doing online logo design is outside the US. Wonder about credit card payment security and website security issues. Casey: Would be nice if brochures included photos. Danielle used a company in Sacramento to design logo for Danielle's new company. Have known the couple that owns this company for 15 years. Charges were \$200-\$300 for 5 or 6 good options. When Pastor looked at company's last year the cost was \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Action: Casey to email logo to Council for members to look at

f. Lutheran Lay Renewal, Pastor: Anna Van Zuuk on board to be local coordinator and is very attentive. She is getting together names for list of possible committee leaders. We have spent \$300 in materials, so far. Attendees do not pay for weekend. Services are donated. Costs incurred are for printed publicity for within the congregation and for providing food. A special offering taken to support LR because it has no other funding source. Not sure exactly how many coming, the LLR coordinators are working on getting different couples, there will potentially be 7 couples. Will know more soon.

g. Stewardship Program, Pastor: 2 chapters of stewardship book were passed out. Chapters give taste of process is behind program, lists steps. Stewardship Committee (Dave Jones, Jennifer, Tony and Pastor) are meeting to map out what steps we are going to take. First time we do it will be abbreviated (this year) this spring. Will engage whole program in fall for 2018. Amy, question: How does message get delivered to congregation? Pastor, answer: Via letters, temple talks, not by dollar amount given but by % of income and testimonial about what God is doing in our lives and in our congregation. Will use pledge cards which hasn't been done for some time. Pledge cards help treasurer to craft budget; they give a

feeling for what people are thinking about giving. Pledge cards are signed and returned before Annual Meeting so budget can be presented at Annual Meeting with consideration of the pledge cards. Thank you letters will be sent from the office, thanking pledgers for pledge and for supporting ministry of church. Part of report includes loose offerings as extra money given above that pledged.

h. Charging Station, Casey: Contacted several places that would install a charging station. 3 or 4 returned call. Can have a small charging station installed from Cripple Creek in Auburn for \$900-\$1100 plus cost of electrician. Questions council has to answer: Will we allow others to come onto property to use station? Could use a lock box and sell key. Or, if a larger community base is wanted, there is a company in San Francisco that would install station and station would be semi-connected to office there. With a full station a fob or phone would be used to pay. It is \$3,500-\$4,500 + installation to install larger station with 2 plugs. Haven't contacted anyone in community about larger community involvement. PG&E starting program to help purchase, install, and permitting of station. Will get more information about PG&E program. PG&E gives different rate for residents with charging station but would have to check to see if it will do it for church. Consideration: Would PG&E upgrade station as technology changes? Could go to Meadow Vista Merchants Association to discuss possibility of making a community station. Question: What does direction does Council want to try...upgrade one plug on campus specifically for Church use (apx \$55 plus increase in electric bill)? Sponsor community-based station? Do nothing? Discussion: PG&E might already be in the process of installing one for a local business; FLC could pair with Holiday or Community Center or Merchants Association.

Action: Casey will do more research on costs for larger station and look into Merchants Association. Will also check to see when PG&E anticipates program will start and what program includes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Carlos will share the council meeting summary with congregation on 23rd.

Motion made by Tony to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Carlos.

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm