

Council Meeting August 19, 2018

Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER by Amy Dieter at 11:34 am

In attendance: Pastor Lines, Kathy Van Zuuk, Tony Freitas, Jennifer Wood, Mark Duarte, Rick Brown, Casey Mills, Amy Dieter

Absent: Michelle Hamil, Ann Linkugel, Mark Achen

Total members present: 7

Total members absent: 3

Quorum present: Yes

II. DEVOTIONS/MISSION, VISION AND VALUES, Pastor – Prayer thanking group for coming together and being devoted to community and church, request for God’s guidance during the meeting. M/V/V read by Tony Freitas.

III. APPROVAL OF June, 2018 MINUTES

Motion made by Tony Freitas to approve June minutes as emailed. Seconded by Rick Brown.

Pass: Unanimous

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Reports (June and July) as emailed. Pastor gone 31st - 7th, strictly vacation time. Start classes the week that she’s gone.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Headed in the right direction. Income is good. Over budget on the income side. Net gain for the year of more than \$17,000. We are ahead of expenses. Since stewardship program, we have been right on the money in terms of committed funds and actually given funds. We will probably spend all the money we had planned on spending.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Education, Scott Stonestreet: As emailed

b. Hospitality/Witness, Cam Bennett: None

c. Service, Colleen Hogan: None

d. Worship, Leah Cole: None

e. Prayer/Healing, Ann Linkugel: None

f. Music, Janine Dexter: None

g. Men’s Group, Rob: As emailed

h. Labor of Love, Connie Elmore: None

i. Youth Committee, Becky Stonestreet: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Capital Campaign: Pastor began by stating that tree out back is falling down slowly. Ross has been called to take a look and possibly take the tree down rather than have it fall apart piece by piece. That expense will be a capital expense.

Parking lot project: permits have been pulled and project has been handed off to Scott Stonestreet to work with Todd on it. Timing is off, however, due to being unsure what to do with the entryway after the recent water leak.

Capital Campaign Fund Drive: Need to talk about the last four months of this drive. Want to ensure people know we're grateful for their contributions. Let folks know we still have \$50,000 to go before meeting our original goal for the campaign. Want to let folks they can stop if they need to, but folks can keep contributing to the capital campaign and funds will be used. Tony not sure if he wants to bring campaign to an official close. Wants to let folks know we're pleased where we are but still don't have pledges to reach final goal and that we would like to reach that goal. We have balance of \$74k in our account, but that could go very quickly depending on the needs that arise. Pastor suggested reforming the original Capital Campaign committee briefly to discuss how to close (or not close) the campaign. Tony volunteered to take lead on organizing this. Amy brought up the idea of presenting to the congregation. Kathy asked amount dedicated to paving, Tony responded with \$40k. Kathy noted that there would then be at least some money left over to deal with current plumbing.

Plumbing Situation: Had under the counter water heaters. The one upstairs leaked for three hours Tuesday. Insurance company was called. Servicemaster Pro met with Pastor to assess situation. Pastor also met with a mitigator, who noted there was asbestos in the floor. Information was sent to insurance company and we should be hearing back soon. We won't know exact cost or need until then. Went down wall into kitchen and storage closet. Rick asked what the deductible was and what repairs might be needed. Pastor will check on deductible, and Tony noted that Steve Bennett had mentioned plumbing repairs are needed. Amy suggested removing and replacing all the individual water heaters in the building (there are three) at a minimum to prevent future leaks. Tony felt this could come out of Maintenance and Repair. Rick suggested a new technique for dealing with old galvanized pipe using plastic for dealing with the pipe. Steve Bennett could project manage this. Pastor suggested moving forward with pipe repair projects that were already on the Capitol Campaign now. Amy brought up concern about parking lot permits expiring if we move forward with other projects, but Rick said extensions are usually given. Pastor asked if both projects could move forward at the same time. Casey expressed a desire to make sure we know how much the insurance company will offer for repairs. Amy suggested we get all the information before September we can: bid (or at least a ballpark estimate) from Hopper Plumbing who does the new technique Rick mentioned and more information from the insurance company. Rick offered to take lead on this and talk to Steve about it. Amy and Rick mentioned that this could be an opportunity for rehabilitation while doing the repairs. Tony noted that if the project is part of the Maintenance budget, no vote of the Council is needed - if it's part of the Capital Campaign, we will need to vote if it is over \$25k. Tony requested Pastor to send out the insurance report once it arrives to all of the Council members for feedback.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Stewardship Program: Pastor noted it was time to start thinking about whether we want to do the same program as we did last year. Tony noted that our current program is an annual program, and that the program was successful in terms of increases contributions to the church since its implementation. Tony would like to use the same program and not change it due to its previous success. The program has increased contributions by 20%. Pastor noted the program next year would only ask people to increase their spending by 1% if they are able. Pastor volunteered to contact previous committee members to see if they would be willing to work on the issue again. Tony suggested having at least one new person come on board to help train future members of the committee. Pastor agreed, and said the next campaign will occur in mid to late October.

b. Youth Committee Search: Amy stated that the Youth Coordinator position was advertised in many places. One interview has been completed. A follow-up “interview” has been set up where the person interviewed will do a 20-30 minute lesson with the kids. In addition, a Skype interview will take place this afternoon. Jennifer asked if the pay seemed acceptable, and Amy and Pastor said it seemed it was. Pastor mentioned that we are offering some money towards health insurance. More information will be coming soon.

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Will be skipped this month due to many projects waiting for more information.

Motion made by Casey to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jennifer

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm