

Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 AM by President Steve. We gathered in the meeting room of The Local Café. Those present were Pastor Charlane Lines, Steve Bennett, Lisa Achen, John Van Auker, Amanda Hawkins, Karen Idler, Bob Linkugel and Betty Noreen.

Devotions

We discussed Chapter Two of *Growing Young*, specifically what keys we and others hold and how we can empower others by sharing them. John will lead the discussion of Chapter Three next month.

Opening Prayer/Mission, Vision and Values

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer and read the vision, mission and values statements.

Minutes

The minutes from March 19 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Lisa and second by Bob, the minutes as written were approved unanimously.

Executive Reports

President: Nothing new.

Treasurer: Lisa's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting. John inquired about the \$1000 bank charges and why we have any charge with our large balance. Pastor will research and follow up. Lisa noted that Michelle Hamil's rent was posted to her giving and did not show up as rent, which will be corrected. There were no further questions.

Pastor: Submitted her report by email prior to the meeting.

Old Business

Ministry Focus Monthly Plan: Pastor emailed the monthly plan for ministry focus, beginning in May with the Music Ministry. She also sent emails to the leaders. Each ministry will be presented in church and will report to the council.

Property updates:

Doors: The bid for replacement of all the doors was \$44,000. The high bid reflects the current "seller's market" for contractors. Lisa will email the contractor Mark and request a bid to fix just the main sanctuary door as soon as possible. She will also follow up with Shelly Osuna's friend who is a contractor. Pastor made a motion that if a contractor can be obtained for the one door, we will fix the main door as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by John and passed unanimously.

Playground Equipment: The old equipment has been removed. Lisa has received feedback from several families, and plans are moving forward. The cost including labor may be \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Concrete: Three bids were obtained all approximately \$8,000 to repair the concrete near the bell tower door. We discussed alternatives, such as a ramp entrance, and considered the ongoing issue of the tree root problem. We will ask Sam to research alternatives.

Assembly Attendees: The Synod Assembly will be held September 15-17 in Burlingame. The Conference Assembly will be held June 24 by a 4-hour Zoom Meeting. Voting members from the congregation will attend both assemblies. We considered “giving these keys away” to members other than the council by sending names to Pastor as soon as possible. Pastor will do the inviting.

Congregational Survey: Amanda drafted the survey with Pastor’s review and recommendations. The goal is to get usable data without presumptions. Amanda chose a *Google Forms* format which supports visual data (graphs and charts). The council offered a few suggestions for changes or additions. Amanda and Pastor will revise and distribute the survey by email. Paper copies will be available for those who wish to respond that way. Member names will be divided among the council for follow up by phone or in person.

New Business

Team Building: Amanda posed the question, “What brought you to Faith Lutheran Church?” Responses were varied and insightful.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Bob and second by Karen and with unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Noreen