

## **Council Meeting January 20, 2016**

### **Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA**

#### **I. Meeting called to order at 11:36 am by Mike**

In attendance: Mike Krall, Carolyn Peterson, Tony Freitas, Michelle Hamil, Pastor Lines, Colleen Hogan, Carlos Del Pozo, Kathy Van Zuuk, Ann Linkugel, Mark Duarte, Amy Dieter

Absent: None

Total members present: 11

Total members absent: 0

Quorum present: Yes

**II. Devotions/ Mission, Vision and Values**, Pastor introduced new book to use as part of devotions, Growing Together. M/V/V read by Kathy.

#### **III. Approval of Oct and Dec 2015 minutes**

Motion by Tony to approve October and December minutes as emailed. Seconded by Carolyn.

Pass: Unanimous

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

a. Pastor: Report as emailed.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Nov and Dec financials reviewed. Year-To-Date income for 2015 was \$208,993.34 which was \$2,193.34 over budget. YTD expenses were \$208,721.34 or \$2,321.34 over budget. YTD NET income was \$8.272 which was \$128 under budget. Funds for some repairs came from Restricted Fund account which is not part of the budget. Kudos to all for managing budgets so conscientiously.

#### **V. MINISTRY REPORTS**

Will now be submitted by ministry heads as needed. Items requiring Council's attention/approval will be submitted as necessary.

a. Education, Scott Stonestreet/Jean Rosenquist/Becky Stonestreet: None.

b. Hospitality/Witness, Cam Bennett: None.

c. Service, Colleen Hogan: Report as emailed.

d. Worship, Leah Cole: None

e. Prayer/Healing, Ann: In the process of recruiting participants for Stephen's Ministry Workshop. Workshop will explore how to help congregation in a lay pastoral capacity. January 30th, 9-1.

e. Site Improvement, Carlos Del Pozo: None.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

a. Apartment – Walkthrough and Future Use, Pastor: Further discussion on this topic postponed until retreat. Taxes for building are paid on part we rent out. If we repurpose the building for Church work only then we don't have to pay taxes. Options: keep space for growing Sunday school; rent to 3<sup>rd</sup> party potentially to a non-FLC member (considerations: potential legal issues; additional landlord responsibilities); use as part of package when hiring Youth/Family Director; use as temporary emergency space for family in need.

Motion by Kathy to file for tax exempt status for whole building which requires changing the tax status on the building to Exempt. Seconded by Colleen.

Pass: Unanimous

**Action:** Council members to discuss other ideas for apartment space/education building with other congregational members

b. Youth and Family Director, Pastor: Task force needed to work on job description for position: Carlos (lead), Michelle, Amy. Would like a 4th from general congregation for committee. Buy-in and support from parents/families for youth activities in needed. YFD job description sample(s) on Synod website.

**Action:** Committee to have draft job description ready for conversation at Retreat. Council members to speak to Melia B, Jean Rosenquist for thoughts on use of space.

c. Capital Campaign Update, Pastor: 19 families have committed financial support of CC (72 families committed to regular giving; apx. 132 voting members). This is \$192,000 or 2/3s of goal. Commitment cards are requested to be returned by next Sunday. As of today, \$31,000 is in the bank. Request for Bids has been made for HVAC for the Administration and Education buildings. We are waiting for another bid for reroofing the sanctuary. Still in the process of finding a project manager to oversee CC projects.

d. Cultural Focus Priorities – Youth, Outreach, Welcome, Dynamic Faith, Pastor: The result of Council retreat discussions and subcommittee review is that we prefer to enrich currently existing activities rather than creating new activities. Question, Mike: What is the system by which we will know we are meeting this goal? Suggestions: Council members talk and listen to congregation members and make sure we are following through; annually review programs to make sure focus is being met. Question, Ann: how are we working to build dynamic faith (faith that touches all parts of our life, growing faith, living faith as part of group)? Answer: Men's group asks 'how does 'xyz' impact the Church community?'; Supper Church; Pastor's sermons, reflection opportunities during Church Service.

**Action:** Discuss topic 'how we will measure the success of meeting our goal of enriching existing activities' at retreat.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Branding for Church: postpone until February's Council meeting

b. Retreat date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday; 8a-1p with working lunch (supplied); at FLC

c. Role of Council: discussion postponed until retreat

d. Men's Group Alcohol policy, Tony: Men's group should prepare written policy for Council's consideration and approval that includes legal and insurance considerations, filing for permits, etc.

**Action:** Tony to be liaison between Council and Men's Group.

e. Google docs, Tony/Michelle: Will continue to email financial reports to Council members. Michelle does post all documents, including financials in Google docs. Call Tony if you have questions. Meeting minutes are in the folder for the month during which the meeting was held; that is, January's meeting minutes are in the January folder. Supporting documents are in the folder for the month following the month being reported on; that is, December reports are in the January meeting folder.

f. Council Meetings Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30am sharp with 1pm close. Dates of Council meetings for 2016: Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18.

## Viii. CLOSING PRAYER, Pastor

Motion by Carlos to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Amy.  
Pass: Unanimous  
Meeting adjourned at 1:09p