

Council Meeting July 16, 2017

Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER by Amy at 11:30am

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

Absent: Carolyn Peterson

Guest: Rob Oberbruner

Total members present: 10

Total members absent: 1

Quorum present: Yes

II. DEVOTIONS/MISSION, VISION AND VALUES, Pastor – Growing Together, Being Leaders Who Serve Others. M/V/V read by Kathy.

III. MEN'S GROUP UPDATE, Rob Oberbruner: Outreach within and outside congregation is theme for this year, this includes seeing what interest there is in a Family Camp - long weekend, next year and reserving spot with deposit (in early stages). Request for help from the Council in talking to individuals in congregation about Family Camp. Kathy, comment: consider older members who don't want to sleep on ground or who are on a fixed income; camp might have 'cottages' to accommodate seniors and/or some subsidy could be offered. Council is excited about idea and possibility. Men's Group paid for indoor booth at Gold Country Fair. Need members from congregation to populate booth (at least 2 people at all times / 30 hrs total), Men's Group will set up and take down booth.

IV. APPROVAL OF MAY, 2017 MINUTES

Motion made by Jennifer to approve May minutes as emailed. Seconded by Mark.

Pass: Unanimous

V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Colla Voce sent Thank You for using our space.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Average monthly income \$16,500. Income is going up but still not meeting budget. Headed for a loss this year. Spending money as we planned, expenses are as budgeted, but need to look see where we can cut. Will do quarterly Treasurers report to congregation next week. Money to cover shortfall comes from Recovery Fund. Electronic giving is over \$9,000 monthly. Doing Stewardship Program in fall. Pledge cards so far do not meet budget. Only 2/3rd (60%) have returned pledged cards. We have changed banks and will be closing Wells Fargo account this coming week.

Action: Casey to write a friendly letter covering financial short fall from Council to congregation, with input from Pastor and Tony.

VI. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Education, Scott Stonestreet/Becky Stonestreet: None

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: As emailed
- i. Labor of Love, Connie Elmore: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Alcohol Policy, Tony: Have talked to Jennifer regarding what other churches are doing. Some have no policy, some have very defined no alcohol policy. We have insurance policy that instructs us not to be negligent. Issues of consideration include selling vs. providing. How do we keep policy so that it is retrievable? Can be kept with current binder which includes Constitution and can be kept online with other policies. Existing Facilities Use Agreement should include line about 'adhering to FLC alcohol policy.'

b. Capital Campaign, Pastor: Presentation by Steve Bennett after church was well attended and very helpful. Paid ourselves back for drainage project \$12,000+. Capital Campaign fund had \$67,000 end of first quarter and \$63,000 end of second quarter. Ed Building floor project moving along. Need to float floor for \$1,000 to make floor level to lay carpet. HVAC project has been removed from project list as we were advised that duct work and re-zoning is cost prohibitive; elevator project also cost prohibitive and has morphed into parking and ramp for ADA compliance; play area on upper campus in process. Would like to bump up to high priority AV experience in Sanctuary with Pastor as Project Manager. Staff and worship team getting positive feedback from parishioners who now can more easily follow along during service, everyone looking up and participating more, more participation in singing. Negative comments are more of an aesthetic regarding spiritual space. Screen meant to be tool to facilitate service not to be distraction. Other high priorities include Fireside Room remodel, which is hitting a bump because the definition of remodel needs to be more clear; front lawn landscaping. Casey, suggestion: maybe eliminate anything not directly related to service in slides so as to address some that are having trouble accepting change. New priorities: #1 AV in Sanctuary; #2 Ed Bldg completion. Ann: At next Capital Campaign meeting perhaps add change out of Wheaties Box propane stove in place of wood stove.

c. Charging Station, Casey: Because there was no interest in Meadow Vista from other merchants can only do single use at Church (can contact Clipper Creek). Just need to contact electrician. Council feels concept is great but issue should be shelved.

e. Logo, Pastor: Waiting for first draft which should come this week, 3 options. \$300apx.

f. Property, Pastor: In preparation for Sept 3rd wedding, Stockbridges offered to do landscaping to beautify area (fix irrigation, fix/plant flower beds, ground down stumps) and want to use field as reception area. Would like to put curving concrete sidewalk that will connect upper play area (off courtyard) to 2nd tier play area field/play structure area. Color will match concrete in courtyard. Walkway could/might be used in ADA plan.

Motion made by Carlos to give permission to Karl and Joan Stockbridge to build curving concrete walkway and replant flower beds. Kathy will be consulted about plants used and other fixes to landscape and irrigation. Seconded by Casey.

Pass: Unanimous

g. Lutheran Lay Renewal, Pastor: Heard from coordinator, meeting on July 23rd rather than 30th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Gold County Fair, Pastor: September 7-10, 4-9 T/F, S/S 11-9. Will set up signup sheet for 2-hour blocks (need 30 people). Only get certain number of parking passes.

b. KAHl Radio, Pastor: Program contract is month-to-month, all Sundays in a month from 9:30am-10:00am. Will try Q/A interviews asking what is role of faith in your life? Working with Janine to plan music to include. Commercials can be recorded at KAHl with different people. Starts 8/6. Program is pre-recorded by Thursday eve/Fri morn on MP3. Can do at studio or on campus. Will also use some sermons already done updating with edits and additions. Want to use topics important to people that won't be going to church on a Sunday morning. Station range is Nevada, Placer and El Dorado, some of East Sacramento counties. Cost is \$100wk. Men's Group funding some of it and rest out of Outreach budget. Guessing it won't take too much time weekly once it gets up and running. Council agrees to commit to 3-months and will evaluate financial health before signing on for more.

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Kathy will share the council meeting summary with congregation on July 30. Tony will do financial update on July 23.

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

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm