

Council Meeting March 19, 2017
Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. Meeting called to order by Carolyn at 11:35am

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

Absent: Amy Dieter

Guests: Anna Van Zuuk, Stan and Bette Anderson

Total members present: 10

Total members absent: 1

Quorum present: Yes

II. Devotions/ Mission, Vision and Values, Pastor – *Beginning a New Project.* M/V/V read by Jennifer.

III. Approval of Dec 2016 and Feb 2017 minutes

Motion made by Kathy to approve Dec minutes as emailed. Seconded by Ann.

Pass: Unanimous

Motion made by Casey to approve Feb minutes as revised. Seconded by Mark.

Pass: Unanimous

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Constant Contact, the company we use to send weekly email, sent notification that for 5th year in a row FLC has won an award because of the % of people who open the email.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Income level good; big expense was buying the copier which will be amortized over the year. Expenses will get caught up in Aug or Sept. Council: kudos to Tony for monthly report.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Education, Scott Stonestreet/Becky Stonestreet: As emailed

b. Hospitality/Witness, Cam Bennett: None.

c. Service, Colleen Hogan: None.

d. Worship, Leah Cole: None

e. Prayer/Healing, Ann Linkugel: As emailed

f. Site Improvement, Carlos Del Pozo: None

g. Music, Janine Dexter: None

h. Men's Group, Tony Freitas: As emailed

i. Labor of Love, Connie Elmore: As emailed

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Church bank accounts, Pastor: Haven't moved accounts yet. Community First Bank and Golden One Credit Union are two local banks used and suggested by congregation members.

Action: Pastor to work on that this month with Tony

b. Alcohol policy, Pastor: Nothing has happened. Although Men's Group created an alcohol management policy for their events, a policy is needed for all events held on campus and other FLC events held off campus.

Action: Tony, Carlos and Jennifer to draft policy

c. Capital Campaign, Pastor: On Tuesday, Byron McLaughlin (from HM3 from Chico), recommended by Jason Cole, is coming to do 4 hours of site evaluation as research for a plan or assessment of property related to ADA compliance. This assessment will guide creation of a plan to bring campus to ADA compliance. Assessment will outline items needing first attention, then will prioritize remaining projects to form an ADA compliance plan. By virtue of having an initial conversation with Bryon, FLC is on record for starting ADA compliance process. Needing immediate attention: parking spaces currently designated for handicapped need to be paved; ramp into Sanctuary needs to be brought up to code. \$4,000 is needed to start and will come out of Capital Campaign. Can ask for waivers on different projects if it is not feasible to undertake them.

d. Synod Assembly, May 4-6 Fresno, Pastor: Need volunteer or will open to whole congregation. Kathy volunteers. Pastor will seek lay male voting member from congregation to attend Synod.

e. Youth and other ministry brochures, Pastor: Ann and Amy created a draft brochure for FLC activities for youth and other ministries. See handout. Questions or comments on brochures, email Ann. Goal is to have a brochure for each area of our ministries. Brochures creation is approached from a position of gratitude, and can be used as foundation to expand other ministries. Perhaps each group would draft one. Suggestion, Anna: If interested in changing brand, can do it online. Can use online communities.

Action: Anna to send community links to Pastor

f. Property use, Pastor: This item is in response to continuing conversation regarding use of Education building as apartment or whole house. Work has to be done before we can look at what we are going to do with it. Doug Kern now back from trip and will start work as soon as possible.

g. Community events, Men's groups event expenses, Pastor: Will Men's Group pay expenses or will fees come from general fund? Pioneer Day \$35, County Fair is \$150-\$200. Men's group willing to foot bills. Plan is to bring it up at next Men's Group meeting for approval. Men's group to invite others to help staff different event booths.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lutheran Lay Renewal, Stan and Bette and Anna (potential coordinator): Stan and Bette involved in Lutheran Lay Renewal since 1981. Retreat with activities all around church, start Friday night with dinner and wraps up on Sunday with lunch. Renewal meant only for FLC congregation members. Team is all lay people, advisors are pastors. Lay people come at own expense. Started in 1971 Ben Johnson Methodist college, 1981 moved into Lutheran church. Has expressions in Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist. During weekend, 3 programs run in parallel...adult, youth, children. Ideal to have 10 groups with a maximum of 7 people each group. Opportunity for entire family. Nursery care needs to be arranged and managed by FLC. Don't teach and don't preach. Worship includes singing; sharing faith stories in small group or larger group discussions; fellowship; prayer. Will not anything that would make someone feel uncomfortable. Approach to weekend starts with joy. Challenges: 9 committees are staffed by FLC...prayer committee (can use existing prayer chain); attendance/visitation/publicity; housing for team; coffee hours; food; welcome; correspondence; literature; transportation; follow-up; arrangement

(someone to make sure rooms are set up during the weekend). Contacts needed: nursery, music, and others. FLC campus ideal for Renewal but some sessions might take place in homes. Will take a lot of people involved to get best result, can ask other churches for help. Renewal is watching the Holy Spirit at work in congregation in very powerful way. Requires lots of preparation from congregation but outcome is very positive. Renewal set for October 20th through 22nd, weekend before Reformation Sunday. Andersons and Anna will meet with Pastor between now and October; music people will be here in a month or so to meet with music director.

b. Stewardship Program, Tony/Pastor: Program geared to the state of mind and understanding of what giving means and is about. Herb Miller, 'New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program,' format works as experienced by Pastor in MT. Going to do this because there hasn't been a stewardship program for a while and haven't asked people to make pledges to support work of church for a while either; will help in day-to-day operations to know what income is expected; will provide opportunity for spiritual growth for congregation. Capital Campaign is separate from this program, or could be thought of under stewardship answering addressing 'how to manage the church and all parts of the church.' Will allow congregation to grown all ministries in church, to take ownership of church. Dave Jones and Jennifer Wood and a couple others have agreed to be part of Stewardship team. Will do twice this year: an abbreviated one that will take care of 2nd half of the year, and one in fall Nov for 2018. Stewardship program will thereafter be held in November during the time of annual reflection. Program includes temple talks; special preacher on Consecration Sunday where pledge cards will be filled out and presented followed by dinner. Counsel could read chapters 1 and 2 of Miller's book that give overview of process. Not a high impact process but is a very peaceful approach.

c. EVgo, Pastor: A congregation member has offered to pay to have electric upgraded at FLC so Pastor can power her electric car. This electricity use will raise electric bill. Considering having EVgo charging station to be installed. Pastor sent email request for information about EVgo installation. FLC could also go to MV Merchants with idea and work with them to get station installed someplace in Meadow Vista. Issues to consider: location; liability. Council has no opposition to concept.

Action: Casey will take lead on this initiative

d. Wholeness Day, April 22nd 9a-2p, Casey/Ann: 350 Placer one of presenters to address physical aspects of health. Other topics addressed: creation/environmental; spiritual/emotional aspects; community relationships.

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Ann will share the council meeting summary with congregation

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

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm