

Council Meeting March 18, 2018
Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

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

In attendance: Amy Dieter, Tony Freitas, Pastor Lines, Ann Linkugel, Jennifer Wood, Michelle Hamil

Absent: Mark Duarte, Casey Mills, Mark Achen, Kathy Van Zuuk

Guest: Steve Bennett

Total members present: 6

Total members absent: 4

Quorum present: No

II. DEVOTIONS/MISSION, VISION AND VALUES, Pastor – John 12:20-36. M/V/V read by Ann.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY, 2018 MINUTES

Approval tabled until April meeting

V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Possibly 7 to be received into church on April 8th.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Will run report at the end of month regarding how actual giving and pledges match. Pastor talks to new members about giving as part of being a voting member. First quarter giving normal in terms of budgeting and expectations.

VI. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Education, Scott Stonestreet: None

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, Jessica Del Pozo: None; monthly newsletter is in process of being created (fellowship, service, spiritual development)

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Capital Campaign, Steve: Council reviewed plans for this phase of ADA project including concrete ADA parking spaces with ramp and concrete walkways. Existing ramp too steep. Had to move parking spaces closer to the Admin building to get the correct grade. Cost of this phase is \$40,000. Second bid was \$100,000 for this work. Third bid was not received. Will do email vote as no quorum at meeting.

Motion made by Ann to accept West Coast Concrete's bid for ADA parking space and ramp into Sanctuary. Seconded by Tony.

Vote by email

b. Council and Congregation Round Tables, Amy: on regular basis have round table discussions lead by council members; result would be talking about what God is doing in our lives and church and using input to help provide informal ongoing feedback to staff. Discussions kept about 20 mins. When: April 8th, 11:30, Amy/Michelle/Ann; What: 2 or 3 tables maybe answer 'What happened in church during this season that enriched your journey?' 'What other FLC event did you participate in that enriched your journey?' 'If you didn't participate in something, is there something that we can provide that would encourage your participation/what kept you from participating?' 'How did your Lenten journey go?' How: council members can write notes during conversations having responses.

Tony: feedback from someone who has been around the world and in the US that this is the most welcoming church that they have ever been to.

c. Small Group Ministry Update, Pastor/Ann: Cam, Ann and Pastor met to discuss how to incorporate round table discussions with small groups ministry. Pastor will start Wednesday night Bible study after Easter. Pastor/Ann Went to Small Group workshop. Presenter felt small groups were crucial to spiritual life of church; pointed out that prayer essential; need to match design to culture of congregation; develop purpose, what we want to accomplish with mission statement; lay out strategies; and spend time planning in order to be successful. Starting now, any existing group (Council, choir, men's group, labor of love, youth committee, worship team, prayer/healing team) can implement short reading (every group have same text every month) and 5 questions to use for first 15 mins of meeting. Will train leaders to lead reflections then develop small groups that stay together for about a year, meet in homes. Idea is to get group of people together (twice a month preferable) to build relationship and have deeper sharing (issues of confidentiality, group management techniques). After a year you 'birth' a group or let go and create other groups. Leader creates a new group. Co-leader can stay with members of group that didn't want to leave original group. 8-person group breaking into groups of 4 for smaller group sharing. Formal groups tend to be adult but will/can create multi-generational. Always leave a chair empty for any visitor. Starting this ministry with trial and error expectations.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Child Care Workers, Pastor: administrative issue to make sure to pay for workers out of correct line item

b. Welcome Sign Options, Pastor: tabled.

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Want to keep report high level and short.

Action: Amy April 8th

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

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm