

## **Council Meeting May 15, 2016**

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

#### **I. Meeting called to order at by Carolyn Peterson**

In attendance: Carolyn Peterson, Tony Freitas, Pastor Lines, Colleen Hogan, Carlos Del Pozo, Kathy Van Zuuk, Ann Linkugal, Mark Duarte, Amy Dieter

Absent: Mike Krall, Michelle Hamil

Total members present: 9

Total members absent: 2

Quorum present: Yes

#### **II. Devotions/ Mission, Vision and Values, Pastor – *Growing Together*. M/V/V read by Amy.**

#### **III. Approval of Apr 2016 minutes**

Motion by Colleen to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Tony.

Pass: Unanimous

The council decided that any content changes should be sent as a “reply to all” email. Editing for grammar can be done as a single “reply” message.

**Action:** Review the process of revisions, additions and amendments to the minutes at the next meeting when Michelle is present.

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

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Jeanne Rosenquist announced that this was her final year as Sunday School Coordinator and teacher. An appropriate gift acknowledging her significant contributions will be made. It was suggested that Sunday School children and their parents might want to be involved in the gift. Moving forward, Pastor suggested we examine the Sunday School program to see if any changes would be in order.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Concerns about trends in Income. If the giving continues at the current rate, we may not have enough money to match the budget, come August. We currently have no formal pledge system to track giving at this point. In March 2015, the monthly income was \$18,853. This year, in March 2016, the monthly income was \$15,000 plus. Attendance was similar in both years. Amy suggested we update the congregation about the decision we made in November to support a Youth/Family Minister as part of the budget in addition to other increases, which requires additional monthly giving. Pastor will speak to Carol in June about providing an opportunity after worship for updating/signing up for electronic giving. Pastor recommended that council members talk about giving and its importance to other members of the congregation in an informal manner.

**Action:** Tony Freitas will make the first announcement at the next worship service on May 22 about our financial situation.

#### **V. PROGRAM REPORTS**

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

b. Hospitality/Witness, Cam Bennett: None.

c. Service, Colleen Hogan: As emailed. There will not be a formal Service Fair this spring.

d. Worship, Leah Cole: None

- e. Prayer/Healing, Ann Linkugel: None.
- f. Site Improvement, Carlos Del Pozo: None.
- g. Music, Janine Dexter: None.

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

a. Youth and Family Director – Interview Team, Pastor: There have been three responses so far. Amy suggested we keep trying to get the job description placed on the synod website. Pastor would like to have a decision made before July, if possible, to help with the fall planning. Persons for the Interview Team are: Becky Stonestreet, Carlos DelPozo, Mark Duarte, and Amy Dieter as an alternate. If there are significant resumes to review, Pastor will send out the top 3 to the council to review. We will address the need for further advertisement at the June meeting.

b. Wood, Pastor: It was decided that we would sell the remaining oak. After the dead oak is cut down, we will organize a splitting crew, stack the wood and sell it for \$300 per cord.

**Action:** Pastor will put an announcement in the newsletter and the first person to respond will have the first opportunity to make the purchase.

c. Branding, Pastor:

Motion by Kathy that any decision to purchase a contract to create our brand be tabled until 3 months from now. Issue to be reviewed by council again in August. Seconded by Mark.

Pass: Unanimous

d. Capital Campaign: Money is coming in. Giving towards the Capital Campaign may be affecting the general giving. Perhaps a new click button for making contributions to the Capital Campaign can be added to the website, if needed in the future. Steve Bennett is giving progress updates to the congregation as needed.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Synod Assembly, Pastor: Mark and Amy will be attending the assembly as lay voting members from June 3 – 5.

b. Carlos will share the council Report Summary next Sunday, May 22, during announcements.

Motion by Amy to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Carlos.

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned