

Faith Lutheran Church  
Board of Directors Minutes  
April 16, 2018

**Present:** Pastor Biermann, Phil Whitmer, Carol Arends, Craig Hubert, Andy Priestap, Suzanne Perreault, Laura Mulligan, Sam Siegel, John Crawford, Laurie Crawford, Brad Smith.

**Absent:** Aaron Gulyas, Nancy Cottam

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. with a devotion by Pastor Biermann from Luther's Small Catechism. Review of the 10 Commandments and the benefit of reviewing them frequently. Stressed the importance of having Christ in your heart and life to keep Satan out. Pastor mentioned that Pastor Robert H. Bennett, the author of the book "Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Welfare in America" will be speaking at St. Paul Lutheran in Flint on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** Brad Smith

- Minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John, seconded by Craig. Motion was passed.

**Pastoral Report/Notes:** Pastor Biermann

- Attendance for March 2018 on Sunday's was up 12% compared to 2017.
- Parochial report review.
- The Grand Blanc School's chaplain for sports programs, Rev. Courtney Avery (a minister from Flint) has asked to use Faith's facilities for Bible studies for the students for three nights, May 7, 8 & 10. He also asked for Faith's staff to act as adjunct chaplains.
- The May 13<sup>th</sup> Men's breakfast, which falls on Mother's Day, will include volunteer recognition with special recognition of Darlene Baker for her service as our Altar Guild.
- The Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest has asked to use Faith's softball field as a fireworks staging area on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It is being checked out with the local authorities.

**President's Report:** Phil Whitmer

- A request to congregations from the Synod has been distributed (copy attached) for nominations for officers, boards and commission positions by October for the July 2019 LCMS convention. Pastor will gather information and we'll revisit this later in the year.

**V.P. Property & Maintenance:** Sam Siegel

- With all the recent rains we've got some minor leaks – old ones and new ones.
- Gradually replacing lights in the facility with LED bulbs including the Youth area downstairs.
- Multiple miscellaneous maintenance repairs are ongoing.
- There was a question about whether the new boilers were heating adequately. Sam indicated they were and any issues with not enough heat were due to the thermostats not being turned up early enough before activities.

**V. P. Salary & Personnel:** Aaron Gulyas, absent

- Report attached.

**V. P. Finance & Stewardship:** John Crawford

- Reviewed financial reports and Faith's position is good – maintaining over 3 ½ months operating revenue on hand.
- Endowment Fund opened an account with Vanguard in March with initial investment of \$122,500.
- A full slate of nominees is in place for the upcoming elections. Their bios will be distributed this week.
- John communicated Faith's pledge to the district from our budget.
- A resolution to continue the availability of Faith's operating line of credit through Church Extension Fund was presented (copy attached). Motion by Craig to adopt the resolution, seconded by Laurie. Motion passed.

## **BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:**

### **Elders:** Craig Hubert

- The Elders picnic will be June 19th.
- There is a full slate of nominees for the open elder positions.

### **Outreach & Evangelism:** Suzanne Perreault

- Recently purchased video equipment to allow Pastor Scott and Jason to post Facebook video messages each week.
- The first edition of Living Faith Newsletter will be mailed to members soon.
- They are prepping for the Guatemala Mission trip which leaves June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Worship:** Laurie Crawford

- Have six, three person altar guild teams with the next training session scheduled for Saturday at 10:00 A.M. The guild will be commissioned on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- New banners have been ordered for Pentecost.
- Lynn Morgan has offered to pay for the new altar kneeling pads at a cost of \$1,600 - \$1,700. She and Laurie are looking at fabric.
- Question was asked about altar flowers and looking at suppliers with better quality/value.

### **Communication & Publicity:** Laura Mulligan

- Still working on getting a digital pictorial directory for the website.

### **Congregational Ministry:** Carol Arends

- Women of Faith are moving their Cookie Walk to December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Still working out the final details for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Springfest. There will be a large gathering tent and lots of activities.

### **Social Ministry:** Nancy Cottam, absent

- Report attached.

### **Youth Board:** Andy Priestap

- Jason is organizing travel with other area youth groups to the Youth Gathering in Frankenmuth.
- The next monthly get-together will be bowling.
- Great participation by youth for the Easter breakfast, but lower turn out due to spring break.
- Andy asked for approval for a Bake Sale fundraiser on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. Motion was made by Carol to approve, seconded by Craig. Motion passed.
- They are very excited about having an intern to assist this summer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

## **ROUNDTABLE:**

- Sam will be thinning our audio/visual equipment that's outdated.
- Carol said there will be a gift for Darlene Baker on May 13<sup>th</sup> that Laurie will present.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- May 21, 2018 Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- Springfest 2018 May 19, 2018

Closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Smith, Secretary