

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
May 21, 2018

Present: Pastor Biermann, Phil Whitmer, Carol Arends, Craig Hubert, Andy Priestap, Nancy Cottam, Laura Mulligan, Sam Siegel, Laurie Crawford, Brad Smith.

Absent: Aaron Gulyas, Suzanne Perreault, John Crawford.

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 Creed – all three Articles with explanations.

Secretary's Report: Brad Smith

- Minutes from the April 16th meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Laurie, seconded by Craig. Motion was passed.

Pastoral Report/Notes: Pastor Biermann

- A recent District report highlighted a current court case to remove the pastoral exemption from taxation. If it's successful it could have widespread implications for many churches.
- Staff is working on pre-planning for the 2019 sabbatical. During the time of the sabbatical the emphasis at Faith will be reaching out into the community.
- A reminder that Pastor will have a three week vacation beginning next week. Pastor Scott will be covering.
- Faith is now registered with both Channel 12 and Channel 5 for reporting service/activities closings on their websites and/or scrolling across their screens.
- The staff is reviewing data security of personal information for all aspects of Faith's ministries.
- Parochial report review. Worship attendance for April 2018 was down 5% compared to 2017. A mid-month ice storm and Easter weekend coinciding with spring break contributed.

President's Report: Phil Whitmer

- Reminder that there will be no June board meeting and the July 16th meeting will be at the Biermann's with dinner starting at 6:00 P.M. Outgoing board members are invited to attend as well.
- Information is still being gathered for nominations for officers, boards and commission positions by October for the July 2019 LCMS convention.
- With this year's budget the intent was to move parish nursing from Congregational Ministry to Social Ministry. To do this would require a change to our Constitution to Section 2, Part C, Item 3. d. Carol made a motion "To begin the process to amend the constitution to reflect that for financial purposes, parish nursing will be managed under Social Ministry." Laurie seconded. Motion was passed.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel

- Gathering prices to paint the office area.
- Exploring the costs to apply a top-coating to the parking lot over the next few years.
- Exploring the costs to replace the carpeting over the next few years.

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

- No report.

V. P. Finance & Stewardship: John Crawford, absent – from Laurie Crawford

- Some corrections were needed for the February and March financial reports to clarify how monies were recorded (copy attached).
- Reviewed financial reports for April and have just over 4 months operating revenue on hand.
- A full slate of nominees were elected so all positions are filled for the upcoming year.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Elders: Craig Hubert

- He attended the May 5th Michigan State Police Active Shooters Seminar. There was good usable information and a discussion followed about what we could implement at Faith.
- The Elders elections will be held at their picnic June 19th.
- New elder training will take place June 22nd.

- Presented information on Birdies for Charity fundraising opportunity in conjunction with The Ally Challenge PGA Golf Tournament September 10th – 16th at Warwick Hills (material attached). Laura will investigate looking for someone to coordinate Faith's participation.

Outreach & Evangelism: Suzanne Perreault, absent

- Report attached.

Worship: Laurie Crawford

- The six altar guild teams are progressing well. Linda Robinson is coordinating and they are looking for feedback.
- The material for the kneelers has been ordered so progress is being made.

Communication & Publicity: Laura Mulligan

- The first issue of Living Faith newsletters are arriving in homes.
- Still working on getting a digital pictorial directory for the website.

Congregational Ministry: Carol Arends

- Darlene Baker was very appreciative of the recognition and gift.
- Springfest was successful with an attendance of approximately 120.
- Looking for volunteers for summer Sunday school.
- VBS will be the last full week of July.
- The 2nd Sunday of June, July and August coffee hours will be hosted by Health Ministry and refreshments will not include donuts.

Social Ministry: Nancy Cottam

- 20 Mother's Day baskets were given out to the YWCA.
- Collections are being taken for Heartbeat (offers alternative services to abortion).
- She attended the Health Ministry Seminar where Pastor presented Healing Hands.

Youth Board: Andy Priestap

- Jason was approved for a "redshirt" position for the Youth Gathering in Kenosha, WI which will cover his expenses in exchange for him working part of the event.
- Raised \$274 from the Bake Sale fundraiser on May 13th at the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast to go toward the Guatemala Mission trip.
- They are developing a policy for scholarships when youth might need financial help to attend events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ROUNDTABLE:

- Sam asked if anyone knew why a light is being left on in the altar area.
- Nancy commented on how enjoyable the Young at Heart's year end banquet was.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday May 30th begins service time change to 7:00 P.M.
- Men of Faith Picnic – June 12, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M. (Mike Bilbey's home).

Closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Smith, Secretary