

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
May 15, 2017

Present: Pastor Moyer, Phil Whitmer, Laura Mulligan, Craig Hubert, John Crawford, Laurie Crawford, Carol Arends, Jeff Moellering, Nancy Cottam, Sam Siegel . Guest: Brooke Caldwell

Absent: Ryan Lehr, Jon Sabo, Brad Smith.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Moyer opened with devotions reflecting on using the Sabbath to rest. Trusting in God to take care of us and to truly rest – He is our supply sergeant.

Welcomed Brooke Caldwell as Faith's new Administrative Assistant with today being her first day on the job.

Secretary's Report: Brad Smith (absent) Phil Whitmer

- Minutes were reviewed from the April meeting. A motion was made by Carol to approve the minutes seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Pastoral Report/Notes: Pastor Moyer

- Reviewed the parochial reports. Laurie commented it would be great to have the reports in our office mailbox the Sunday before the Board meeting.
- Church Extension Fund is providing a \$2,000 grant for aesthetic upgrades to the church and grounds that we will partially use for liturgical banners to be placed by the baptismal font for the different seasons.
- Caution on the use of photos and images. Some district churches have received cease & desist orders and fines up to \$10,000 for not getting prior approval to use the images. There are guidelines available in the office.
- Always be addressing the unbelievers/pre-believers in your midst. Always be catechizing.
- There's a severe shortage of pastoral candidates in the Synod. Fifty-six just came out of St. Louis and approximately fifty out of Ft. Wayne while there are 422 calling congregations.

President's Report: Phil Whitmer

- Update on the 500th Anniversary Reformation Worship Service. They continue to take ticket orders (sign-up available in the office). Two buses have been filled and they're considering reserving a third.
- Recognition is overdue for Darlene Baker so she will be featured as the Volunteer of the Month at all worship services one week soon.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel

- Big coffee pots are all working properly.
- American Heritage Girls' Memory Lane showing confirmands, Pastors and Faith's history. They did a great job of clean-up.
- New copiers in the office.
- New energy saving light bulbs in Heins Hall are now instant on. They're more expensive but are partially paid by a Consumers Energy rebate and use substantially less electricity.
- Cameras are working well and are very helpful. Sam can check them from home.

V. P. Salary & Personnel: Jeff Moellering

- No report – but welcomed Brooke.

V. P. Finance & Stewardship: John Crawford

- We continue to run with just over three months' expenses covered in cash on hand.
- March's giving year to date was \$54,000 behind 2016 but April has closed that deficit to \$27,000.
- A stair lift for the steps leading to Heins Hall will cost \$5,000 - \$6,000 per Access Co. Still getting other quotes and exploring how to fund.
- Faith is approved to continue a line of credit with Church Extension Fund. Need to provide them with copy of updated By-Laws and Constitution.

- Update on the David Gelatly Trust. The disbursement will be \$10,277, not the full value of the house as David had made changes to the trust. Funds are to be used for charitable purposes as congregation decides – no restrictions.
- Elections were held and 260 ballots were cast with all positions being elected..

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Elders: Craig Hubert

- New elder training has been scheduled for June 24th.
- “Cancer, Now What?” is the elders new study topic (a Stephen Ministry resource).
- New communion ware will be purchased for a little over \$400 from the memorial fund.

Outreach & Evangelism: Jon Sabo (absent)

- No report.

Worship: Laurie Crawford

- No report.

Communication & Publicity: Laura Mulligan

- Submitted the notice of the award for Pastor Biermann’s book for the Chamber of Commerce newsletter.
- Yard signs are still available.

Congregational Ministry: Carol Arends

- VBS organization has begun. There will be a Welcome and Goodbye Picnic. Scheduled for the end of June.
- Saturday May 20th will be Faith's Springfest.
- The hand bell workshop and choir concert went well.
- The small Bunn coffee pots are missing.

Social Ministry: Nancy Cottam

- 16 care baskets were distributed to the YMCA.

Youth Board: Ryan Lehr (absent)

- Jr. High in Frankenmuth, Sr. High in Mackinac.
- Kenosha, Wisconsin trip has 7 signed up.
- Bowling event this weekend for grades 8-12.
- Sr. High work project is food assistance at Holy Spirit.
- Youth will be planning 2017/2018 events at May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ROUNDTABLE:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- June Board Meeting - waived.
- July 17th Board Meeting will be for new board members plus outgoing board members for a picnic at the Biermanns’ home, 6:30 p.m. start time for dinner with a very short meeting to follow. Bring a dish to pass.

Pastor closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Smith, Secretary (from Laurie Crawford)