

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
July 19, 2021

Present (Zoom): Pastor Biermann, Bruce Trevithick, Matt Guinn, Sam Siegel, Chris VanLandeghem, Ken Duetsch, Krissa Zander, Marcy Montez, Sarah Palmer, Leslie Stratton and Corrine Walworth.

Absent: Jenny Mervyn

The meeting was opened with a devotion at 7:04 p.m. by Pastor Biermann which centered around putting Jesus first in our lives all the way to the end and then a prayer.

Secretary Report: Tim Miller

- Minutes from the May meeting were presented to the group with a motion for approval by Ken D. and supported by Sam S.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Biermann

- Worship attendance for June 2021 compared to 2019 was down 37%.
- No increases in COVID cases in the congregation currently.
- Some members are still facing emotional challenges dealing with COVID.
- Nancy Jackson was moved by the Elders and various other members including Pastor Biermann.
- Pastor Biermann will continue as chairman of the Grand Blanc Outreach. Future endeavors include a more permanent facility in the area either purchased or leased.
- Pastor and Heather will travel to Ireland from August 18th through August 28th as a delayed celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

President's Report: Bruce Trevithick

- New board members were welcomed
- A presentation was made of an overview of COVID 19 on where we've been and what could possibly lie ahead. Included was the current COVID policy in place at Faith. Discussion took place.
- Matt presented a motion to the Board with some proposals that were put together by the Elders at a recent meeting.
 - Resume kneeling Communion on the first and third Sundays at the 8:15 a.m. services.
 - Utilize individual cup trays for all Communion, with worshipers taking their own cup.
 - Pastors and Elders would no longer be required to wear masks, but would continue sanitizing procedures during Communion.

Marcy gave support to the motion. Discussion took place by the group and then the motion was placed for a vote and was approved.

- A second motion was presented by Matt for non-worship events and groups effective September 1st.
 - Face masks are required when the majority of those in the group are under the age of 12
 - Separation distancing is no longer required.
 - Serving and consuming of food can resume with continued extra care being taken with handling of the food.
 - Ken D made a motion to change the date to August 1st, which was supported by Marcy. The motion was voted on by the group and approved as presented with the change in start date.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel

- During the month of August there will be maintenance done on the parking lot.
- Timbers that shore up between the Pre School and Sunday School will be replaced during August.
- In the near future a company will be hired to do some more extensive trimming of trees.

V.P. Salary & Personnel: Chris VanLandeghem

- Nothing new to report other than Faith is very blessed to have the personnel that we do.

V.P. Finance & Stewardship: Ken Duetsch

- A brief overview of the financials took place as were previously submitted to the Board with the agenda.

Board Reports & Requests

Outreach & Evangelism: Sarah Palmer

- Various activities are beginning to become more active. Looking to have the welcome center manned again in the near future.

Youth Board: Jenny Mervyn

- No report

Elders: Matt Guinn

- No member transfers to take action on.
- June meeting welcomed new Elders.

Worship: Corrine Walworth

- Met with outgoing chairperson to get a better understanding of what the board functions are.

Communications & Publicity: Krissa Zander

- Family Fun Festival was very successful.
- Post card mailing went out to the congregation recently.

Congregational Ministry: Leslie Stratton

- Nothing new to report

Social Ministry: Marcy Montez

- One church family was assisted during the past month.

Next meeting is August 16th in person at a location to be determined.

Bruce closed the meeting at 8:44 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Tim S. Miller