

Faith Lutheran Church

Board of Directors Minutes

September 20, 2021

**Present:** Pastor Biermann, Bruce Trevithick, Matt Guinn, Ken Duetsch, Krissa Zander, Marcy Montez, Tim Miller, Sarah Palmer, Corrine Walworth, and Sam Siegel.

**Absent:** Jenny Mervyn, Leslie Stratton, and Chris VanLandeghem.

Pastor Biermann opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with a prayer and a devotion from the book "Equipped."

**Secretary Report:** Tim Miller

Minutes from the August meeting were motioned for approval by Bruce with support from Ken. Minutes for the August meeting were approved as submitted. Minutes with changes from the May and July meetings were motioned for approval by Bruce and support from Ken. Changes to the minutes for May and July were approved.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Biermann

- Further action has been taken on a more permanent facility for the Grand Blanc Outreach and more details will be forthcoming in the spring of 2022. Once the next step is taken towards finalization on a facility, Pastor will report to the Board what is needed from Faith.
- Worship attendance in August was slightly better and forecasted an increase again for September.
- Slow start for various fall programs with increased caution still being used.
- Dee Carlson passed away on 9.19.21 and pastor will perform her funeral on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**President's Report:** Bruce Trevithick

- Bruce gave an introduction on a proposal to extend a Call to Christie Hansard as a Deaconess/Parish Nurse. Discussion took place on various aspects of how a Call works. Bruce will send out details on what the Executive Board is proposing for this Call asking the Board to review the proposal prior to the October meeting.

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

- Timber replacement is complete between the Preschool and Sunday School wings.
- The back parking lot has been resealed.
- Two new trees have been planted to replace a couple trees that died last year.
- Commercial business signs on display at the city limits are being replaced by the city. Signs for Faith were replaced in the last few years. Sam will check with the city to see if they can be reused.

**V.P. Salary & Personnel:** Chris VanLandeghem

- Nothing to report

**V.P. Finance & Stewardship:** Ken Duetsch

- Financials for the month of August and the YTD numbers were reviewed by the Board.

Matt commented on the possibility of a fundraising committee given the multiple groups that hold fundraisers throughout the year. Discussion took place.

**Board Reports & Requests**

**Outreach & Evangelism:** Sarah Palmer

- Tailgate event will take place on the front lawn along Holly Road for the upcoming Homecoming for Grand Blanc High School
- Guatemala trip meeting coming up soon for a May/June 2022 trip date.

**Youth Board:** Jenny Mervyn

- September 14<sup>th</sup> they had an informational meeting for 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. This was a great meeting with 7 families attending. They started planning subcommittees within this group for fundraising and planning the logistics of this trip, as they will be flying with the youth. Going by this meeting we have 10 youth that will be attending.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> they had an in person middle and high school meet up at church. They had 11 youth show up and had tons of fun with their friends. They spent time in the gym playing games, then had a devotion and free time in the youth lounge. When the youth walked in, all were surprised by the changes of the youth room. (We were donated new to us furniture!)
- September 19<sup>th</sup> was an elementary (K-5th) meet up at church. Elementary meet ups are after church and include lunch for the kids. They are still looking for an adult board member and starting a search for 2-3 youth representatives on the board.

**Elders:** Matt Guinn

- Uneventful meeting in September.
- Reiterated to continue membership contacts with all at the meeting given the ongoing COVID restrictions.
- Membership Transfers - no transfers or releases.

**Worship:** Corrine Walworth

- Choir started again the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Still getting accustomed to what is needed by this Board

**Communications & Publicity:** Krissa Zander

- Looking to sponsor the community tree lighting event for the upcoming holiday season.
- Funfest efforts generated a new preschool family.

**Congregational Ministry:** Leslie Stratton

Trunk or treat coming up on October 15th. Some restructuring taking place on how the event will function. Coffee hour between services starting out slow and still in need of volunteers for set up and take down. If no volunteers sign up there will not be any coffee hour that Sunday.

**Social Ministry:** Marcy Montez

Nothing to report. Next meeting will be in person on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tim S. Miller