

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Board of Directors Minutes**

**January 16, 2023**

**Present:** Pastor Biermann, Scott Hans, Chris VanLandeghem, Tim Miller, Phil Whitmer, Marcy Montez, Matt Guinn, Deb Lund, Jenny Mervyn, Leslie Stratton, Sam Siegel, Stephany Hall and Corrine Walworth.

**Absent:**

Guest: Lynn Morgan

Meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with devotion by Pastor Biermann on joining Jesus as a family.

**Secretary Report:** Tim Miller

Minutes from the December meeting were motioned for approval by Leslie and support from Marcy. Minutes were approved.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Biermann

- Attendance trends show a continued uptick for 2022. Some new faces at worship.
- Looking forward to the forum on January 21st and good conversation on the future of FLC.
- Pastor gave an overview of the staff and their overall attitude which he feels is doing well.

**President Report:** Scott Hans

- Chris made a motion to support Pastor Biermann working with Concordia Center for the Family (CCF) at a rate of up to 10 hours per week for a 9-month time frame beginning in March 2023. Support from Phil. Pastor gave an overview of the duties that he would fulfil at CCF. Discussion followed by the Board. Motion was approved.
- Scott gave an overview of the forum agenda.
- Voter's meeting will be made up of procedural actions and approval of the 2023/2024 budget.
- CTNG totals for the month show 155 commitments totaling \$997,297. To date we have received \$261,091 of the commitments.

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

- Youth kitchen has new lighting installed.
- Carpet samples are available in Heins Hall for the membership to look at and give their opinion. Rough cost for the project is \$35,000.

## **V.P. Salary & Personnel – Chris VanLandeghem**

- Paycor is the new payroll processing company. Updating of the FLC payroll processing should be completed within the next month.

## **V.P. Finance & Stewardship: Phil Whitmer**

- Reviewed the financials for the month of December.
- Giving for December 2022 fell short of December 2021 by 10% plus.
- The 2023/2024 budget is completed and ready to be presented at the upcoming Voters' Meeting.

## **Board Reports**

### **Outreach & Evangelism: Deb Lund**

- Franklin Avenue Mission next dinner is February 14<sup>th</sup>
- 3 of 5 active service members were in attendance at worship around Christmas.
- GB Chamber meeting was attended by Deb.

### **Youth Board: Jenny Mervyn**

- 15 kids attended the Christmas party.
- All day movie marathon had 12 kids attending.
- Nerf Wars had 20 kids attend.
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> youth breakfast taking place between services.

### **Elders: Matt Guinn**

- Monthly meeting was a quiet one with no important issues to address.
- Some brainstorming on how the board can engage in more areas at FLC.
- Elder positions are currently filled 100%.
- Transfers In: Mark & Lori Bolton
- Transfers Out: George Stolzenfeld – Self exclusion: Jeffery Hill, Robinette Doran

### **Communications & Publicity: Stephany Hall**

- Nothing to report.

**Congregational Ministry:** Leslie Stratton

- Big thanks to Kelly Cradit for all she has been doing in many areas at FLC.
- Looking for volunteers on January 27<sup>th</sup> for the chili cook off.
- Discussion at the monthly meeting took place on starting the nursery back up again. The group will reach out to the congregation as far as any interest for the nursery as a first step.

**Worship:** Corrine Walworth

- Nothing big to report on.

**Social Ministry:** Marcy Montez

- Grand Blanc Academy is ecstatic to have 10 FLC volunteers.
- 12 food baskets were distributed.
- 5 families were helped over the holidays via the Angel Tree.
- GBO meeting included discussion on looking at a different direction for the program in the immediate future given the lack of activity in the current direction.

Next meeting will be on February 20, 2023.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tim S. Miller