

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes

March 20, 2023

Present: Scott Hans, Tim Miller, Chris VanLandeghem, Matt Guinn, Sam Seigel, Marcy Montez, Phil Whitmer, Jen Mervyn, Deb Lund, Corrine Walworth, Leslie Stratton, and Pastor Biermann.

Absent: Stephany Hall

Meeting open with devotion from Pastor Biermann at 7:03 p.m. centered around The Family Altar.

Secretary's Report – minutes for the February meeting were motioned for approval by Deb with support from Corrine. Minutes were approved as presented.

Pastor's Report –

Attendance is tracking 13% up from last year. New families, infant baptisms, and confirmations are just a few of the exciting activities.

Flint Mission Network still very active with Pastor Jones. Flint Tri Circuit has 24 churches in the group which is starting a program "Taking Jesus to the Streets." They are looking at apartment complexes and going into those areas to bring Jesus to those that live there.

Pastor introduced Shareboard, which is a free online LCMS chat board where lay ministry leaders can exchange information with other church boards on best practices and experiences as a support system.

President's Report -

Scott introduced the Emergency Action Plan asking for a motion which was made to accept the plan by Phil Whitmer and support from Matt. Discussion followed, including questions and clarifications. Motion was approved with the addition of the following.

- Avoid contact with any weapon brought into the building which is not your own.
- After the area has been made safe for all, those in attendance should write down what took place and avoid conversation with others until law enforcement arrive and request information.
- In the event of a tornado, head to the basement area to a room without windows.

CTNG currently has commitments of \$1,002,297 and to date \$305,000 has been collected.

V.P. Property & Maintenance

The new carpet should be delivered in approximately 4 weeks, with installations starting upon arrival.

18 emergency lights were installed during the last month. Lights were also replaced in the Bride's Room.

V.P. Salary & Personnel

Changes to payroll have been shelved for now with a lower cost for a package with the current payroll company at a savings of \$1500 annually.

Conversation with Deaconess Hansard took place with regards to changing her to a salary paid position for 15 hours per week, versus an hourly-pay position. Her position with the Michigan District has already been changed to a salary position. Motion was made by Chris and with support from Leslie to move Deaconess Hansard to a salary position effective next payroll period. Motion was approved.

V.P. Finance & Stewardship – Phil Whitmer

Finances for the month were reviewed and discussed. General fund contributions were up \$2600.

Elections openings only have a few in Congregational Ministries. All other positions have candidates willing to fill the position. April 26th & 30th elections will be held within the congregation with advance notice per the constitutional requirements.

Board Reports

Youth Board – Jenny Mervyn

Fund raisers for the month of February brought in \$2000.

Bruce T heading up a group of high school youth. Great response to date on this approach.

Meetings are being held for those going to Mackinaw Island retreat, so they have a chance to meet each other before going.

Elders – Matt Guinn

Not a lot on the agenda for this month's meeting.

Transfer In: Doris Stonestreet

Transfer Out: Caleb & Anna Barger

Brian & Brandon Skwirsk

Brianna Harris

Profession of Faith: Paul & Kathy Tippen

Outreach & Evangelism – Deb Lund

April 4th and 6th for Flint Mission dinners.

Still working on updating college student information to be able to make contact with them while away at school.

Grand Blanc Chamber meeting included the addition by GB Township of another community beautification location out by I-75. A meeting is scheduled for April 11th where more information will be given.

Easter Sunday bookmarks will be given out after services along with some candy.

Worship - Corrine Walworth

Nothing to report

Communication & Publicity – Stephany Hall

Nothing to report

Congregational Ministry – Leslie Stratton

Nursery activation is being put off until Fall 2023

Spring Fest is May 12th

Social Ministry – Marcy Montez

Grand Blanc Academy Mentoring reading program has 2 more volunteers which will now allow the addition of the 3rd grade.

Rides to church for those that are homebound has had no response so far.

Next meeting April 17, 2023.

Meeting closed with prayer by Scott at 8:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Tim Miller

