

Faith Lutheran Church  
Board of Directors Minutes  
January 20th, 2020

**Present:** Pastor Scott, Bruce Trevithick, Marcia Gauthier, Matt Guinn, John Crawford, Jennifer Hocken, Sam Siegel, Stephany Hall, Laura Mulligan, Andy Priestap, Suzanne Perreault, Scott Hans

**Absent:** Pastor Biermann

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with singing of Hymn #644, *The Church Is One Foundation*, and a devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministry. The purpose of the church is to connect people with Christ. Jesus is our foundation. We can work really hard at our roles in life but we all know the beautiful outcome.

Scott mentioned that this message would be great for everyone to hear at the Annual Congregational Voters' Meeting this Sunday.

**Secretary's Report:** Marcia Gauthier

- Minutes from the December 2019 meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John, seconded by Matt. Motion was passed.

**Pastoral Report/Notes:** Pastor Scott

- Reviewed the December Parochial Report. The large number of "self-exclusions" in this month's report stem from the process of contacting most Faith members by phone and email during the Life Touch Directory process this past summer. Most never finalized this process when they left.

**President's Report:** Bruce Trevithick

- Today's meeting is the last meeting to address changes in the constitutions for both FLC and the LCMS. These changes will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Voters' Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Forum on the 11<sup>th</sup> went well and there was a lot of positive feedback. The BOD will try to address some of the ideas/suggestions.
- Reviewed the agenda for the Annual Congregational Voters' Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Bruce shared a neat phrase he wanted the BOD to hear, "wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere."

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

- The baptismal font was successfully ground and sealed. Distilled water will be used now to try to prevent erosion. The copper is also being re-cleaned.
- LED light bulbs are being placed in the narthex and hallways which should result in a 2/3 savings on the electric bill and will result in more light.
- The new cable for the camera near the font arrived on January 20<sup>th</sup>. After this cable is placed the screens and projectors will be next on the list to replace.
- Andy noted that it is difficult to connect to the internet in the basement. Sam said it just happens sometimes and that we may need an additional extender.
- Bruce asked if the recent issue with smoke coming out of an outlet in Pastor Biermann's office is of concern elsewhere in the building and Sam is comfortable that it is of no concern at this time.

**V. P. Salary & Personnel:** Scott Hans

- Asked if there is something to harvest data for volunteers and wondered who is in charge of this ministry. Do we only do stewardship checklist forms when people become members or more often? Pastor Scott noted that he is in charge of this area. Most agreed that personal phone calls work best.

**V. P. Finance & Stewardship:** John Crawford

Read a letter from Ray Zavada, at LCMS-Michigan District, on behalf of Dr. Maier's office thanking FLC for its annual mission contribution of \$83,000 to the Michigan District.

- Reviewed the December financial report and stated that there is approximately 5 months of operating cash on hand.
- A discussion occurred regarding the agenda format for the Voters' Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and why the budget is always addressed at the end of the meeting. Should this item be on the agenda earlier so those who need to leave early can still be part of the discussion? Are there strict guidelines to the agenda format? Comments that followed:
  - Those that care about the budget will stay
  - The meeting should begin and end on a positive note
  - Some people may not really be sure what happens at this meeting and we should all try to bring another member with us.
- Asked that we all look over the Annual Report before the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:**

**Elders:** Matt Guinn

- The Elders met on January 13th.
- GBAFCO (Grand Blanc Area Faith Community Outreach) has positions that remain open and needs volunteers to meet those positions/titles.
- Bringing back the acolyte program is still a goal. Youth need to be old enough to be able to reach the candles and would be lighting candles only (with the help of an Elder), not extinguishing.
- The Elders are planning to introduce themselves to the Sunday School children soon.

**Outreach & Evangelism:** Suzanne Perreault

- The 2020 Guatemala Trip has 10-13 people signed up to go so far. The deadline to sign up is January 31<sup>st</sup>. The team will be doing outreach in both a Lutheran and public school while there.
- Matt asked if Faith will be doing any outreach before the trip. Pastor Scott explained that Faith happenings, mentor families and new member events will take place.
- Bruce asked if there is support needed for the trip. Susan explained that the Mother's day breakfast is a big event that helps with their mission and Mission Sunday will be in March.
- Marcia asked about the cost of the trip. Suzanne explained that it is approximately \$2,000 per person.

**Worship:** Laurie Crawford

- No report, but thanked all who purchased poinsettias during Advent season.

**Communication & Publicity:** Laura Mulligan

- No report

**Congregational Ministry:** Jennifer Hocken

- There are 3 requests for fundraisers:
  - Youth - Trivia Night
  - Women of Faith - Flower Voucher Sale
  - Paige Bilbey - Bake Sale to benefit Hurley Cancer Institute
- A motion to approve the fundraiser requests was made by Marcia, seconded by John. Motion was passed.
- The Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in Heins Hall. A “no nut” request has been made but attendees should understand that there is no guarantee.
- The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. An opportunity for fellowship is also in the planning process.
- Summer Sunday School may be called “Sunday’s Cool”. Groups would be consolidated and volunteers are needed.
- After Vacation Bible School this summer the families will be invited back for another event.

**Social Ministry:** Stephany Hall

- No report
- In response to a suggestion at the Annual Forum to inquire about spiritual needs for those coming in for food from our food pantry, Marcia asked if something could be developed to collect this information.

**Youth Board:** Andy Priestap

- The youth board is meeting once a month and last met on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Fundraising efforts will support youth participating in retreats and events (mostly LCMS events). Youth must show that they are active in church. Exactly how that is determined is still not defined.
- Trivia night is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> and the price will go up after March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jenny mentioned that it might be a good idea to sell Trivia Night tickets at the Chili Cook-Off.
- Marcia asked about the sign-up date for the Michigan Youth Gathering at Mackinaw in July 2020. Joel has already registered a general group of people and more details will follow.
- Sam mentioned that the ping-pong, pool and hockey tables in the youth lounge have all been fixed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- John mentioned that a nominating committee will be formed again soon.
- Sam noted that the new teller room locks and the check machine have been installed.

**ROUNDTABLE:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Closed with prayer from Pastor Scott. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.  
Next meeting is 2/17/20 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Gauthier, Secretary