

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
March 20, 2017

Present: Pastor Biermann, Phil Whitmer, Laura Mulligan, Craig Hubert, John Crawford, Laurie Crawford, Carol Arends, Sam Siegel, Jason von der Lage, Brad Smith.

Absent: Jeff Moellering, Jon Sabo, Nancy Cottam, Ryan Lehr.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Pastor Biermann opened with devotions reflecting from John 16:33 dealing with tribulation and Jesus's message, "Take heart, I have overcome the world." We live through trials and we deal with the unexpected.

Secretary's Report: Brad Smith

- Minutes were reviewed from the February meeting. Laurie pointed out a correction of dollar amount on the Congregational Ministry Report that the trivia night fundraiser should read \$15 per person. A motion from John to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Pastoral Report/Notes: Pastor Biermann

- Fairly level attendance for the month of February.
- Reviewed the parochial reports.
- There's a new member reception coming up this week.
- Jay and Laura Laffoon are going to be presenting a program for marriage and relationships called "The Ultimate Date Night." It will be at New Creation Church of God in Flint Saturday, April 29th. Support from Thrivent reduces the ticket price to \$25 a couple.
- Met with the Grand Blanc football coach, and he offered that their practices were open to both Pastor and to Jason.
- Faith has nominated Darlene Baker for her altar care, Marcy Montez for her Franklin Avenue Mission work and Sam Siegel for his work at Faith for Citizen of the Year at the Chairman's Awards through the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce.
- Reviewed the study that the elders have been going through, "Caring for Inactive Members". When reaching out to inactive members, pray in advance and throughout. Be sure to listen more than talk.
- There is new reporting generated through Dale Vorwerk in the office to better identify newly inactive members.

President's Report: Phil Whitmer

- Update on the 500th Anniversary Reformation Worship Service. They are taking ticket orders and around 100 tickets have been reserved and approximately 90% of those will be riding on the reserved buses.
- Discussed the need to set a date for the January 2018 Congregational Forum. After considering options, there was a motion by Laurie to set the date for January 20, 2018. Craig seconded it. Motion carried.
- Announced that Ryan Lehr is going to continue in the position on Youth Board only through this June, so a new Youth Board chair will be needed in the upcoming elections.
- Pastor announced that the office administrator position will be open. Janet Frederick is only working through the end of April due to personal reasons. He is putting together an interview committee for the position.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel

- A new AED has been installed in the front coat room.
- They've been doing some updates around the preschool area for needed maintenance.
- Confirmation pictures are now up. A special thanks to Chuck Ruby for the craftsmanship and the Steffe family for their contribution.
- There is a new smart board installed in the music room.

V. P. Salary & Personnel: Jeff Moellering (absent)

- No report.

V. P. Finance & Stewardship: John Crawford

- We continue to run with slightly over three months' expenses covered in cash on hand.
- He's continuing to monitor the monthly giving.
- The Financial Review Committee roster is close to being completed. Chad Woltemath from the Michigan District will be assisting and the first meeting will be after May 20th.
- Shared a letter from Ray Zavada from the District expressing gratitude to Faith for their support for the Here We Stand campaign.
- Gave a status update on the Nominating Committee.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Elders: Craig Hubert

- Reported that they sent out 10 gift boxes to Faith members who are active military.

Outreach & Evangelism: Jon Sabo (absent)

- No report.

Worship: Laurie Crawford

- No report but asked for ideas on finding musical assistance for the Saturday worship service as that position is still open.

Communication & Publicity: Laura Mulligan

- She's made a new contact at the Chamber of Commerce and now advertising in the Grand Blanc Living magazine for Faith.

Congregational Ministry: Carol Arends

- Everything is set for the Easter egg hunt on April 15th.
- April 4th the Tri-Circuit Pastors Conference will be hosted here at Faith.
- Things are moving along with Spring Fest.
- They will be asking for nonperishable food to be brought for all upcoming events to help keep the food pantry stocked.
- BCM is collecting receipts and doing publicity for Vacation Bible School this year.
- Faith's door for the Michigan District 500th Anniversary Reformation Worship Service has been made and is at the church. They are still working on designing a layout and what will go on the door.

Social Ministry: Nancy Cottam (absent)

- No report.

Youth Board: Ryan Lehr (absent), presented by Jason von der Lage

- Printed report attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ROUNDTABLE:

- From Sam: Just a reminder to turn lights out when done with activities at the church.
- From John: Still following up with the estate on the status of the Gelatly house.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 21st and 23rd - working at the Franklin Avenue mission.
- March 26th - new member reception following the 11 A.M. service.
- April 17, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM.

Pastor closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Smith, Secretary