

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
April 17, 2017

Present: Pastor Biermann, Phil Whitmer, Laura Mulligan, Craig Hubert, John Crawford, Laurie Crawford, Carol Arends, Jon Sabo, Nancy Cottam, Brad Smith.

Absent: Jeff Moellering, Sam Siegel, Ryan Lehr.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. Pastor Biermann opened with devotions reflecting on Easter's message: We are hidden with Christ in God. We have protection through Christ Jesus, so we should celebrate and rejoice.

Secretary's Report: Brad Smith

- Minutes were reviewed from the March meeting. A motion was made by John to approve the minutes seconded by Laurie. Motion passed.

Pastoral Report/Notes: Pastor Biermann

- March's attendance was down approximately 10%, but the mid-week Lenten services were up about 17% over 2016.
- Reviewed the parochial reports.
- Pastor spoke on the Ministry to Inactive Members. We should invite in-actives in a gentle and caring manner. Let them talk and we should listen. Don't bring your own agenda, you're attempting to meet their needs, not yours. He then reviewed various scenarios.

President's Report: Phil Whitmer

- Update on the 500th Anniversary Reformation Worship Service. They continue to take ticket orders and 129 tickets have been reserved and 86 of those will be riding on the buses.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel (absent)

- No report.

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

- No report but Phil reported that an offer was made to and accepted by Brooke Caldwell for the full-time Office Administrator position. She will be starting May 15th and Janet will be working through the end of May to assist with the transition.

V. P. Finance & Stewardship: John Crawford

- We continue to run with just under three months' expenses covered in cash on hand.
- He's continuing to monitor the monthly giving.
- Made a note that expenses that should have been assigned to the Here We Stand campaign were showing in Mission and Outreach and that that will be corrected on next month's report.
- He read and requested a motion for Certification to continue a line of credit with Church Extension Fund (copy attached). A motion was made by Craig and seconded by Laurie to approve the resolution. Motion was carried.
- Gave a status update on the Nominating Committee. Each open position has a nominee. The ballots are prepared for all four services for the elections which will take place the last Saturday and Sunday in April.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Elders: Craig Hubert

- New elder training has been scheduled for June 24th.

Outreach & Evangelism: Jon Sabo

- There is still between \$15,000 and \$20,000 surplus from the North Oakland County Mission they are exploring worthwhile uses for. He will be getting input from the incoming Outreach and Evangelism chair before a decision is made.
- Jon also thanked everyone for the experience of serving these past two years since this probably will be the last meeting he would attend.

Worship: Laurie Crawford

- No report.

Communication & Publicity: Laura Mulligan

- No report.

Congregational Ministry: Carol Arends

- Faith had hosted the Tri-Circuit pastors on April 4th for their meeting and it was a very successful day.
- Saturday May 20th will be Faith's Springfest. It will open with at 3 p.m. with worship service followed by home-brew tasting, smoked meats and various dishes to pass from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. There will then be various family activities, as well as music provided by Tie Dyed Giants.
- Announced there would be a hand bell workshop at FLC this Saturday, followed by a hand bell choir concert at 3 p.m.

Social Ministry: Nancy Cottam

- 15 food baskets were distributed Good Friday. Stephanie Hall had coordinated the effort.
- They are in the process of assembling May baskets to be distributed to the YMCA.

Youth Board: Ryan Lehr (absent)

- No report but it was reported that the youth bake sale Easter Sunday made over \$400.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ROUNDTABLE:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- May 15, 2017 – Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM .
- June Board Meeting - waived.
- July 17th Board Meeting will be for new board members plus outgoing board members for a picnic at the Biermanns' home, 6:30 p.m. start time for dinner with a very short meeting to follow.

Pastor closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Smith, Secretary