

Faith Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Minutes
October 16, 2017

Present: Pastor Biermann, Phil Whitmer, Carol Arends, Craig Hubert, John Crawford, Laurie Crawford, Sam Siegel, Suzanne Perreault, Andy Priestap, Aaron Gulyas, Nancy Cottam, Laura Mulligan, Brad Smith.

Absent: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with a devotion from Pastor Biermann of a message from the 500th Anniversary Reformation Service. A charge from God to all of us of ready, set, go and make disciples.

Secretary's Report: Brad Smith

- Minutes from the September 18th meeting were presented by Brad and reviewed. Nancy noted a couple of corrections to the Social Ministry report. A motion was made by Aaron, supported by Nancy to approve as corrected. Motion was passed.

Pastoral Report/Notes: Pastor Biermann

- Rev. Mandla Khumalo from South Africa has spoken with pastor about him and Heather going to South Africa to hold marriage and family ministry workshops as well as mentoring and outreach. Tentatively scheduled for June of 2019 for two and a half weeks. This would be part of his sabbatical.
- Wednesday night service continues to go well and we're having new people come from the community. The numbers so far are good. Total attendance of approximately 60 to 70 per week.
- September's overall attendance was up 9% over 2016. Sunday's attendance numbers are up just like Wednesday's.
- Reviewed the parochial reports, indicated that starting next month there would also be a page from Christie Hansard as the parish nurse.
- November 5th and 12th will be Stewardship Sundays with a focus on finances/treasures the first week and time/talents the second week. John Crawford will be doing a short presentation to the congregation each week.
- What could we do if we had more money coming in? Putting together a list of some suggestions.

President's Report: Phil Whitmer

- Reported back on the 500th Reformation Service. Overall felt it was an outstanding service. There were 209 tickets for members of Faith who attended, 135 rode on our chartered buses. Both St. Mark's and Our Savior Lutheran had 14 riding on our buses as well. Got everyone back safely.
- Circuit forums. Designation of pastor and lay representative, Pastor Biermann will be representing Faith, and Greg Baehr has agreed to go as lay representative. Regarding nominations for candidates for circuit visitor, Pastor Don Wonderly from Pilgrim Lutheran is willing to serve.
- Discussed potential conflicts with our November meeting date, and it was agreed upon that our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th.

V.P. Property & Maintenance: Sam Siegel

- Chuck Ruby is building another communion cup receptacle.
- Last weekend in October, the bathrooms will get painted.
- Attempting to clean up the grout in the old bathrooms.
- They are looking to change our outside lights to LEDs.
- 16 rose bushes were planted in the memorial garden.

V. P. Salary & Personnel: Aaron Gulyas

- No report.

V. P. Finance & Stewardship: John Crawford

- We have approximately 3.2 months' worth of operating funds on hand.
- Year-to-date expenditures are down substantially as is giving.
- November 5th and 12th will be Stewardship Sundays.
- Budget - John reviewed worksheets for each committee for the 2018 budget asking that their projected budgets be back to him no later than Friday, November 10th.
- Salary Committee has been formed of Pastor, Aaron, John, Phil and Marge and they're scheduling meeting times.

- Clarification that donations to general fund in the form of stock are to be converted to cash, as Faith does not manage stocks.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Elders: Craig Hubert

- Noted that the short time between Sunday services was discussed at elders meeting. They want to wait until January to decide if any changes should be made. We'll discuss it at the January 20th Congregational Forum.

Outreach & Evangelism: Suzanne Perreault

- A diaper drive for Franklin Avenue Mission has been set up for the month of October.

Worship: Laurie Crawford

- Noted that she's hearing great feedback on the Wednesday night services.

Communication & Publicity: Laura Mulligan

- She is looking for content from Faith for the newsletter for Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Blanc View. Asking committees to forward anything they might have to her.
- Indicated that Faith will be having a Christmas season ad in The Grand Blanc View.

Congregational Ministry: Carol Arends

- Trunk or Treat was very successful. Over 700 attended. Ran out of candy. Kudos to Jennifer Hocken for stepping up.
- Faith's door at the 500th Anniversary Celebration was great. Would like to display it at Faith for a period of time - probably by the Welcome Center.
- October 29th there will be no Sunday School, instead having a Reformation visit from Martin Luther and others.
- Wednesday Night Alive is going well. Last Wednesday of the month they're changing the meal up to something other than pizza. A signup sheet is available for helping with clean up.
- Still trying to get coffee hour covered by volunteers. Going through more coffee and doughnuts than previously.
- The Men's Club dance will be December 1st from 6 until 10 p.m. Any raffle items that people might have should go to Tom Opp. It will be at the Grand Blank Senior Center and they will not be providing beer, so it is bring your own.
- Family Friendly seminar was held September 30th in Hamburg, Michigan, and there will also be a February 2nd seminar and a September 2018 one on marriage with the Biermanns.
- Trying to promote intergenerational activities to keep the youth interested in continuing their involvement after graduation. Brainstorming ideas.
- A couple of fund-raising requests:
 1. To fund Compassion International student sponsorship by the youth; would be calendars and notepads being sold. Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Aaron. Motion was passed.
 2. American Heritage Girls want to put a note in the Faith Walk about Kroger rewards points going to American Heritage Girls. They will explain steps on how to do it. Additionally they wanted to do a pre-sale to solicit orders in November to be delivered on December 13th. Motion was made by Aaron, supported by Laura to approve, and was passed.

Social Ministry: Nancy Cottam

- Christie Hansard reviewed with the board her accident and incident reports (sample attached).
- Mittens and caps are being collected for a November donation to Franklin Avenue Mission.
- Thanksgiving basket items will be collected Sunday, November 12th, for fall harvest baskets. There will be carts in the Narthex for donations and they will be distributed on November 21st.

Youth Board: Andy Priestap

- Senior high is going well on Sundays and Wednesdays. Some struggles on Wednesdays with junior high in getting the kids to attend.
- For Kenosha, Wisconsin, Lannie Williams is spearheading grades four through six.
- Sixth grade specific class is going well. They're exploring taking a trip.
- To increase service participation they're looking at using service hours to help pay for some of the activities. If the youth put in service hours they could get part of their activities paid for.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ROUNDTABLE:

- None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- November 14, 2017 Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Smith, Secretary