

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Waconia, Minnesota  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

*Mission: To learn, serve and share the Gospel by growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, one another and those beyond our walls.*

*Vision: We will fulfill our mission through:*

- *Unyielding faith in Jesus Christ*
- *Strong ministries that engage our members*
- *Active participation in our church and greater community*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dawn Genz called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dawn Genz, President	X	
Brian Everett, Vice President	X	
Cindy Schmieg, Cindy Schmieg	X	
Brian Ebent, Treasurer	X	
Dan Pannier, Life, Growth, Mission		X
Tom Kurtz, Building & Maintenance		X
Marcia Willmsen, Faith Formation	X	
Keith Sjodin, Worship & Music	X	
Mike Haugsby, Stewardship	X	
Chuck Stevenson, Social Outreach		X
Ann Marie Powers, Youth Representative	X	
Austin Stole, Youth Representative	X	
Jason Okryznski - Assoc. Pastor	X	
Dale Peterson - Sr. Pastor	X	

**Marcia Willmsen led devotions.**

**MISSION/VISION reading**

**Youth Representative Report/Update:** Dawn Genz reviewed proposal for the Youth Representative. Ann Marie Powers and Austin Stole have agreed to serve in

this capacity for another year. A sophomore has also agreed to join us. This allows our Youth to be involved in Council activities and long range planning.

Proposal: Add 1 sophomore Youth Representative to Faith Lutheran Council annually. Maximum number of three (each year a senior will go off). There are no voting rights.

Ann Marie reported that the ninth grade confirmation students said they really enjoyed the Stations of the Cross activity at last week's confirmation. It took approximately 100 people to put this on.

Council thanked Ann Marie and Austin.

**Building Facility Assessment & Recommendation Task Force:** Galen Tongen and Jack Shaw joined council to share recommendation to Council.

Galen distributed copies of two documents: the Recommendation and the Options Considered. General discussion followed.

- FELC will need to resubmit plan to City.
- Reviewed list of maintenance items for the South Building. Cost of windows: Approx 40 windows. 8 have issues so need to be replaced. There are a lot of components in the South Building that could be replaced but may be able to make do if we are going to remodel.

Discussed the dysfunction of the South Building space. This is not a sick building, remodeling it will give us the space we need for education.

Sequence of project: Task Force recommends that the North Building Fellowship Hall be undertaken first with the link. Immediately following this, the South Building remodel begins.

The offices in the North Building will need to be temporarily moved to the South Building. We cannot link the two buildings until the South Building is brought up to code. Once we tear into the South Building, it will not be able to be occupied. This has a great affect on the sequence of building. If undertaken in two phases, anticipate the first phase of the project to take 5 months and the second phase to be 4 months.

Exhibit A lists all maintenance items that are needed in the South Building. Many of these items should not be undertaken if the plan is to remodel the building

within a couple of years. The roof should be repaired (\$2,500) that should be undertaken even if we plan to remodel in a couple years. \$1,000 should be budgeted each year to cover additional repairs until the building project is undertaken.

Exhibit C conclusions on the space needs are listed in the order they were presented as concerns.

Total for all project \$1.7 million.

Council thanked Task Force. They completed the job as asked.

Discussed presentation to Congregation. Council will present.

**Action Item: Finance Committee will bring to Council mortgage numbers based on Facilities recommendation.**

Would like Galen Tongen and Jack Shaw to be at the congregational meeting  
Based on our long range plan, we committed to develop a strategic direction for current and future facilities. We need to eliminate debt before we can do this.

**Key Messages:**

- We have deficiencies now.
- If we decide not to build, still have to repair the South Building. The funds for this must come from somewhere.
- The cost to undertake this project are a lot lower than anticipated. This is an exciting surprise.

**Open Council Positions:**

We still have openings for next year's Council.

**Action Item: Succession Planning: All make phone calls to ask Congregation members to serve on Council.**

**Action Item: Dawn will make an announcement about open Council spots on Sunday and post notice tomorrow.**

**Congregational Meeting Agenda Review:**

Approve Minutes (Cindy)

Council Election: (Dawn)

Facility Assessment & Recommendation (Dawn)

Capital Campaign Update: (Pastor Dale or someone from Campaign leadership team)

- On May 31 we need to have a congregational vote for where proceeds of the capital campaign will go 5% to missions, remaining for debt reduction and repairs as needed to keep building safe.

Long Range Plan Update: (Cindy)

Financial Update: (Brian Ebent) Powerpoint

**Pastors' Report:**

**Pastor Dale** reported that it's time for the school year wrap up. A lot of thank yous have gone out to groups. It's been a good program year. There is lots of pastoral care going on. Thursday, May 14, is the Leadership Meeting for the Capital Campaign 7-8:30p.m. June 1 is home visit day for capital campaign. Worship Participant Training last night had 10 people. June is BYOB month (Bring your own Bible). Bell Choir position has been posted.

There are many things to rejoice about. The Long Range plan is being alive!

**Pastor Jason** reported that this Saturday is the local Mission project. Cleaning up two yards and working on installing a community playground. FELC received a grant for \$2400 from Youth & Family Institute for Triple A Adult Training. Faith formation will meet to finalize plans. Jason will be leading a Wednesday night summer couple's Bible study on creation. "Creatures, Creation and the Creating God" begins June 10.

**Financial Report: Brian Ebent**

As of April 30, 2009,

	End 2008	January	February	March	April
<b>General Fund Checkbook</b>	\$25,932	\$21,776	\$18,828	\$26,960	\$19,373
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$110,231	\$102,424	\$90,502	\$77,957*	\$63,556
<b>Thrivent Money Market</b>	\$62,314	\$62,314	\$62,314	\$62,452	\$62,452
<b>Thrivent Outstanding Mortgage</b>	\$1,961,390	\$1,952,187	\$1,946,119	\$1,936,854	\$1,931,051

\*Pay Mark Davy & Associate for Capital Campaign from this account.

First quarter was solid. Second quarter we're dipping down. Building fund has been dropping down. We are paying Mark Davy & Associates from this fund although technically this money will come from the next capital campaign.

Next Meeting - June ??, 2009 @ 6:30pm at Genz home. Potluck.

**Action Item: All bring something to pass. Dawn will provide simple grill item.**

**Action Item: All Council members check calendar for June meeting. Let Dawn know which of three Tuesdays (9, 16, 23) DO NOT work for you.**

Closing - The Lord's Prayer

**MOTION to adjourn Pastor Dale. Second Cindy Schmieg.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.