

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 20, 2011 at 6:30 pm

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*

Council Members	Present	Absent
Chuck Dueber, President	X	
Tom Pierson, Vice President	X	
Paul Thom, Treasurer	X	
Rachel Hjelsand, Secretary	X	
Jack Shaw, Building & Maintenance	X	
Nikki Wedge, Faith Formation	X	
Jay Roddy, Life, Growth & Mission	X	
Angela Rud, Social Outreach	X	
Scott Johnson, Stewardship	X	
Kristen Bruellman, Worship & Music		X
Dale Peterson – Sr. Pastor	X	
Travis Gerjets – Associate Pastor	X	
Brandy Gerjets – Associate Pastor	X	

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chuck Dueber President.

Tom Pierson led us in devotions from Matthew chapter 6. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Dale: Rally Day was big – especially at the 9:30 service. The number of people taking communion at the 8:00 service was 124, 9:30 service was 409 and at 11:00 there were 62.

Sunday school is off to a great start. Mary and all the volunteers are doing a great job.

Pastor Dale thanked Chuck and Angela for the luncheon they provided for staff and council at the cemetery this past week.

There are a lot of babies in our congregation. Great sign of growth. This upcoming Sunday there will be 5 or 8 babies baptized.

Stewardship is making good progress.

The 8th grade retreat was successful because of a great group of adult volunteers.

Pastor Travis: The Technology Committee is having a meeting tonight also. Pastor Travis will be leaving to attend that. They have a great committee looking at revamping and reviewing the best technology for all needs at Faith Lutheran. Setting Technological foundations for our staff and youth.

Faith Neighbors is growing. There are more neighborhood events happening. One example is the Mayer families rented Baylor Park for a pot luck meal. There are other gatherings going on also.

Saint Johns sent us a thank you note to us. They think very highly of us and welcome our help any time. They would love it if we would be able to send a group of families to come and assist them sometime. A good mission to consider in the future.

Bible Study starts tomorrow night, the 21st, at Bayview. We are having it there because all the rooms at church are full on Wednesday evenings with confirmation classes.

Pastor Brandy: New member orientation is one week from tonight. All council members are welcome to attend. Please let Susie know if you would like to come. The meal is at 6:30.

Next months council meeting will start with “Confirmands and Council Members in Conversation” at 6:30. We will continue our regular meeting after that, approximately 7:15.

Confirmation small groups start Wednesday. There is still a need for one male small group guide. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Pastor Brandy. Also this past weekend was the confirmation retreat at Gustavus. It went very well. Lots of energy!!

Pastor Brandy will be starting a Bible Study on the book of Esther this fall. It will be on Monday evenings. She will put out a schedule at a later date.

This Saturday will be Faith’s Fall Square Dance. Join us in the fellowship hall where a licensed caller will lead us. Should be fun for all ages.

The Faith Formation Adult series will be starting up soon. It will be at 9:30 on Sundays. The schedule will be in the newsletter. Each month there will be one social issue and one outside issue.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Thom

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Meeting Minutes as submitted by Treasurer Paul

Thom and Secretary Rachel Hjelsand via e-mail was made by Tom Pierson. The motion was seconded by Angela Rud. All approved. Motion carried.

Key Discussion Topics: We are moving forward with updating the Long Range Plan for Faith Lutheran Church. Chuck talked about the Key strategies listed on page 5 and how the wording has been changed for the current LRP. A lot of discussion has taken place regarding opportunities to serve beyond our walls. We realize we are doing a lot of this already in social outreach. Not necessarily focusing on a large project but focus on all the smaller mission opportunities that are before us. Chuck asked each ministry area to think about “where you see your ministry area heading in the next couple years”. Think about this when working on your strategic plan update for your ministry area. There was a lot of discussion regarding what different ministries would put in their goals. Chuck encouraged them to keep it simple. Bullet points of one word or short sentence. Chuck asks that each group finalize their plans and get them to Pastor Dale no later than Tuesday October 11, 2011, which is one week before our next council meeting. Then the council will see them at our next meeting.

Motion to accept the 5 key Strategies to Achieve Vision for the Long Range Plan of Faith Lutheran Church was made by Paul Thom. The motion was seconded by Tom Pierson. All approved. Motion carried.

Scott Johnson gave a Stewardship update. He mentioned that Tracy Hartman wrote a great article for the newsletter. Stewardship planning is going well. They have speakers lined up for the 3 Sundays. The letter to the congregation is being finalized. And this year members will be able to pledge electronically but a letter and commitment card will still be mailed out. They have been putting in a lot of work and planning but it is coming along nicely. Fall campaign is looking good. Scott says he has great support from the staff and the committee members. November 6th is set for the follow up calling night.

Chuck met with the newly formed building committee earlier this afternoon. Members of the committee are as follows: Lea Ann Burau, Mike Larkin, John Kittleson, Brian Ebent, Pete Marnie, Pam Melchert, Joann Sudheimer, Steve Nielsen, Kari Stevenson, Jack MacKinnon, Bob Lind, Tom Kurtz, Jack Shaw and Galen Tongen. He commented on what a good group of qualified people are involved. Many areas of expertise are supported. Chuck said there was some concern of the time table but there was a sense of excitement among the group. Jack Shaw commented that he felt this would be a very good group to work with. Jack also said they will be meeting weekly and want to get info out to the congregation in a couple of weeks. He is looking at getting a 3D model to be put on a screen.

A Motion to authorize the building committee to spend up to \$5000 (this \$5000 to come out of the building fund) to retain a professional architect to assist or guide the building committee to prepare Scope Documents in concert with written Scope Drawing for the building project at hand was made by Jack Shaw. The motion was seconded by Scott Johnson. All approved. Motion carried.

Chuck told everyone that the Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday November 20, 2011 at 10:30. The Annual Report of the Congregation, financial review, will be handed out. All

information to go in this report needs to be to Mike by November 10th.

Tom Pierson brought up that we need to think about the building project capital campaign. This should be starting the 1st quarter of 2012. Are we going to do this on our own or look at a professional fundraiser as we have done the last 3 campaigns? We need to discuss this as a council in the next month or so. Chuck thanked Tom for reminding us about this and said we need to look for co-chairs for the capital campaign. Please send your ideas to Chuck. We need 2 experienced, 2 trainees committed to stewardship.

We closed the meeting by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Hjelsand, Secretary

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