

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Waconia, Minnesota**  
 Church Council Meeting Minutes  
 Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm

*Mission: To learn, serve and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Vision: To be a dynamic, energized worshipping community where all are growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, one another and those beyond our walls.*

Council Members	Present	Absent
Lisa Moe, President	X	
Kristy Luger, Vice President	X	
Craig Sinclair, Treasurer	X	
Peggy Phillipy, Secretary	X	
Scott Texley, Building & Maintenance	X	
Kim Sop, Faith Formation	X	
Kari Colby, Connections Ministry	X	
Marit Rinke, Social Outreach		X
Stan Winnie, Stewardship	X	
Kelly Dreier, Worship & Music		X
Aaron Kopel – IT & Communications		X
Dale Peterson – Sr. Pastor	X	
Christine Ruth – Associate Pastor	X	

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moe, at 6:30p.m.

**Devotions:** Pastor Dale led us in devotions from a book called, “How To Be Here” by Rob Bell. Vision and Mission read by Lisa More.

**Get to Know Our Staff:** Staff was represented by **Susie Watts, Congregation Connector.** Susie’s focus for this position is the Volunteer Database (Approx 1400-1500 people). Each year I provide to the members of Faith an inventory called Gifts to Share and use the information to build our volunteers in the seven ministry areas at Faith. Throughout the year, I encourage people to use their passions and gifts to serve our church. I also work closely with the Connections Ministry. I like to describe this ministry as a ministry that takes care of its members. Under the umbrella of this ministry are such things as the Prayer Chain, Providing Food for Special Events, the Welcome Center, Good Morning Faith (fellowship time after Sunday morning worship services), New Member Classes, and service at Funeral Luncheons. Susie talked about the Ministry Fair (32+ ministries represented) and how it had been very well attended. For the Time and Talents, Susie talked about doing something different for upcoming years to increase the responses/timing of the congregation.

## **Getting to Know the Ministries: Social Outreach (October- Stewardship)**

Pastor Dale talked a little about social outreach.

New Member class October 15 and 22 from 11:15=1:15pm (Two 2 hour sessions). There will be a light lunch served for the family at the end of each session. Childcare is provided.

We host Families Moving Forward September 24 – October 1<sup>st</sup> and are still in need of volunteers.

Upcoming: Block Party, Giving Tree, Redeemer Store, Giving Tree.

We are looking to build a bigger team to spread the work out between many rather than just a few.

## **Pastors Reports:**

### **Pastor Dale:**

Ally Klug is on board and has begun her role as our new Youth and Family Minister beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to the search committee for all their work. There will be a nice overlap with Ally and Cory working side by side. Cory's experiences with Ally's enthusiasm will make it a success transition.

Rally Day- The numbers were about the same from last year. However, last year school had already started by Rally Day. This year, school started after and that could contribute to the numbers not being higher. Carnival was good.

Right now, there is a full staff. Both Pastor Jim and Sharon have been a great blessing. Focusing on one staff member each week and highlighting their strength. There is good spirits within the staff.

Annual Report- This has been placed in all mailboxes and will give you a guideline on how to submit your summaries for this year's report.

### **Pastor Christine:**

Great staff retreat and appreciates the budget for it. It is important that we find ways to strategically work better together. Each team member has important strengths and there is a need for a variety of people with their different strengths, to be successful.

Have been working a lot with a strategy for confirmation. Cory and Ally both bring tremendous strengths to the program. Cory is creative and fun and Ally is gifted and assertive. Their overlapping time together will be a gift.

10 leaders attended the 2017 Leadership Summit and it was excellent. There were very powerful speakers and the group attending was very excited about the summit and want to start a Leadership Track.

We are currently seeking students and adult chaperones for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX on June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will spend a week serving others, worshiping and interactively learning about our incredible God.

Common Hope- Right now there are only 5 volunteers and we are hoping to fill 15 spots. The trip is to Guatemala from January 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Adults and teenagers 14 and older are invited to experience this transformational trip.

The RACE workshop starts September 21<sup>st</sup>. The dates are:  
September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm  
OR on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

While total revenues shown on the summary sheet are up \$991 YTD, the offering within this category is down \$14,831. This is currently being offset by expenses being down \$19,615.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Craig Sinclair and the Secretary's report as submitted via email by Peggy Phillipy was made by Kari Colby. The motion was seconded by Stan Winnie. All approved. Motion carried.

### **Key Discussion Topics:**

**2018 Budget-** Each ministry was given a worksheet (and will be sent it electronically) from last year with prior year budgets, YTD budgets and projected budget. The 2017 Actual (Year-To-Date) budget is through August 2017. Please complete your 2018 proposed budget and be detailed in your explanations and throw everything you can into it.

**Social Outreach-** This has been tabled for the time being.

**Ministry Moment Calendar-** Each of you received a copy of this calendar. We are planning to use this going forward. Please ask if you have any questions.

**November Council Dates-** There will be no council meeting in November. December 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a two-hour council meeting which will be a budget workshop.

Our next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by Lisa Moe.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary