

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Waconia, Minnesota**  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 20, 2018 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	
Richard Scott, 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	

Before the start of the meeting, because it was Richard's first council meeting, we went around the room and introduced ourselves and shared what our favorite part of Faith Lutheran was.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moe, at 6:43 p.m.

**Devotions:** Pastor Dale talked about the Parkland School shooting and loss of loved ones. Pastor Christine led us in prayer and Aaron Kopel read the Mission and Vision Statements.

**Get to Know Our Staff: Ally Klug, Youth and Family Minister**

Ally is a 2016 Graduate of Luther College where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Psychology. After college, she spent a year in Italy. As the new Youth and Family Minister, Ally works with High School and Middle School kids. Her goal is to get the confirmation curriculum on track and to make it so everyone has a unified goal and they get confirmed because they want to, not because they have to.

The High School Ministry is growing. They are learning that church is comfort and church is community. She is seeing leaders really step out.

Summer highlights- ELCA Youth Gathering 2018 in Houston Texas from June 25<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> for

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Ally shared what a life changing experience this had been for her and she looks forward to our kids to experience it.

Mission Milwaukee is a mission experience for Middle School students (incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders) July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will get to serve the elderly and children, food pantries and assist with home repairs. Each evening, the group will go out into the community and have fun. They will finish with one fun night at a waterpark in the Dells.

Summer Stretch 2018 is from July 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and are Service Day Camps. This is from 8:45-4:30 at a variety of different places. Mary is helping Ally with this.

Both the Sub Fundraiser and Child Care Fundraiser were a success bringing in approximately \$900 and \$400 respectively.

Pastor Dale shared that Ally is doing a great job!!

### **Getting to Know the Ministries: Faith Formation (March- IT)**

#### **Faith Formation- Kim Sop**

Everything is going good.

S.P.A.R.K. (Scripture, Prayer and Relationships for Kids) 3year olds-4<sup>th</sup> Grade. There are 275 kids in S.P.A.R.K, 10 of which were new students after Christmas. We are always looking for teachers.

B.Y.G. (Bridge Youth Group) 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade. There are 75 kids.

Kim spoke a little of the upcoming Mission Trip for the Middle School kids.

We are recruiting help for the upcoming summer programs (Summer Stretch and VBS)

### **Pastors Reports:**

#### **Pastor Dale:**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, before our council meeting, we will be conducting Confirmation Interviews. Each Council Member will take 4-5 kids. There is a list of set questions to ask the kids to try and get a feel for what they experienced in Confirmation. Please come at 6:00 pm if you are able.

Pastor Dale attended a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> with Pastors interested in partnering with Pastor Perez on a Latino Ministry. Pastor Perez did intensive research exploration on the possibility of a Latino Word and Sacrament Ministry in the Southwest Metro, specifically Chaska and Shakopee. After this research stage, we are now into the feasibility stage. We want to see if the Congregation is willing to support. Pastor Dale and Marit discussed using some of the Rustad donation to fund. Ally Klug, Youth and Family Minister went with a few kids and it went really well. It was an eye opening and good experience for our kids. The ways our church can be mission partners is by praying, financial support, supply donations, resource help and special projects.

A motion was made by Richard Scott to move forward in taking the next step to explore the possibility of adding Garden of Eden as a 5<sup>th</sup> Ministry partner at the conclusion of the feasibility study. The motion was seconded by Marit Rinke. All approved. Motion Carried.

Gerry and Karen Kirby hosted a chili cook in their home sponsored by the Faith Endowment Committee. The Endowment fund is able to distribute approximately \$1500 in funds each year

to support various ministry projects.

We are just finishing up the book series 'How to Think' by Alan Jacobs.

There are 10 new member families.

As a reminder from Mike, please have the Council Members inform their ministry team of their budgets.

**Pastor Christine:**

Dinner for 8 was launched in January.

Marriage Retreat February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at Oak Ridge Retreat Center- There were 18 fun couples. It was a great mix of seasoned couples and young couples.

2018 REFRESH Spring Women's Retreat is coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup>-April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is being held at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN. Join Waconia natives Cindy Nelson and Kathe Matthews from "Road to Joy Ministries" as they lead us on "Extending Grace to Ourselves and Others".

Monthly Leadership Huddle- Reading "Just Courage" by Gary Haugen. Monthly huddle as leaders seek to improve their leadership skills and provide support and guidance for challenges faced as leaders in the workplace.

Love doing the Prophet series and it has been fun preaching on them.

Confirmation papers have been coming in and we have some big thinkers. It motivates me as a teacher to answer questions.

New parenting series beginning on April 4<sup>th</sup> until May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The book is "How to Raise and Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success" by Julie Lythcott-Haims. This will be on Wednesday nights following Prime Time Worship in the Fireside Room.

**Treasurer's Report:**

2018 is starting out positive in all areas. Revenue has exceeded budget, expenses are under budget and attendance is up over the last year and the 5-year average.

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 Stan Winnie. The motion was seconded by Aaron Kopel. All approved. Motion carried.

**Key Discussion Topics:**

1. **Project Update-** The sound projection timeline is looking like it may be in Summer 2018

as we are still receiving feedback from people and collecting quotes.

- 2. Pastor Christine's Proposal-** A motion was made by Richard Scott to accept Pastor Christine's proposal to go to Part Time. The motion was seconded by Kim Sop. All approved. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Stan Winnie to move forward with pursuing a new FT Pastor. The motion was seconded by Aaron Kopel. All approved. Motion carried. There will be a Congregational Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to discuss.

- 3. Facility Use Policy-** Scott Texley will head up a sub-committee to talk about facility use.
- 4. Other-** Richard Scott handed out a flyer from the Hero Coalition. This is on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-2:30 at the Waconia Middle School Auditorium. Karina Forrest –Perkins is a Nationally Recognized Speaker, Consultant, Master Trainer and Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. This is on ACES: Brain Development, the Biology of Stress, & the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study.
- 5. Next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30. For those who can come at 6:00 for the Confirmation Interviews, please do so.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by Lisa Moe.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary