

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church – Waconia, Minnesota**

**Congregational Meeting Minutes – Sunday May 21, 2017 @ 9:30 A.M.**

**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.

**Call to Order:** The congregational meeting was called to order by Bill Goergen, Council President, at 9:22 a.m. at the end of the first Sunday morning worship service. Upon the end of the service the meeting resumed in Steiner Hall.

**Powered By Faith Update – Stan Winnie:** Stan said that they are planning on having the well-received Swedish meatball dinner again this year. They have a date of October 15<sup>th</sup> set for this fun event. Stan showed a slide and he talked about the transition from Why to What? Why Give? What difference do you make?

**Financial Review – Bill Goergen:** Bill showed a FELC Financial Update slide. He said that both income and expenses are about on budget. Over all we are at a very positive financial state.

**Youth & Family Minister Update – Lisa Moe:** Lisa shared that the council has voted to form a search committee for a Youth and Family Minister. She said that Pastor Dale and Kim Sop are on the committee so far and we will be looking for about 5 more people to be involved. Lisa shared a little bit about the committee and said that the first meeting will be in early June.

**Life, Growth, and Mission Ministry Name Change – Pastor Christine:** In the Bylaws all the committees are named said Pastor Christine. We have been looking at finding a strategic direction for our ministry. How do people Connect, Grow & Serve here at Faith said Pastor Christine. We feel the name “Connections Ministry” will help to better align us with its focus and mission.

**Motion to approve Ministry name change:** A motion to approve a change in the name of the Life, Growth, and Mission Ministry to the Connections Ministry was made by Genie Dueber. The motion was seconded by Debbie Scott. Discussion followed. All approved. Motion carries.

**Outgoing Council Members – Pastor Dale:** Pastor Dale thanked the 3 outgoing council members. Jack Shaw and Rachel Hjelsand each served on council for 6 years and Bill Goergen served for 5 years. He shared what each of them brought to council and gave each of them a gift in thanks of their service. Pastor Dale went on to thank all council members for their ministry.

**Vote to Approve New Council Members – Bill Goergen:** Bill showed a slide with current 2017 council members and showed new council members that will be coming on board. A motion to approve the addition of Kristy Luger, Peggy Phillipy, and Scott Texley to the FELC church council for a three year term beginning May 2017 was made by Rachel Hjelsand. The motion was seconded by Jack Shaw. Discussion followed. All Approved. Motion Carries.

**Other Discussion – Pastor Dale:** A question was asked about the new visitation pastor. Pastor Dale shared a bit about Pastor Jim Demke. He is a retired FELC pastor. He and his wife recently moved to Carver and are looking for a church to join and be part of the community. Pastor Dale said there will be a bio coming out in the next newsletter and in the bulletins.

**Close of Congregational Meeting – Pastor Dale:** Pastor Dale closed our congregational meeting with prayer at 9:47a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Rachel Hjelsand, Secretary