

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
 Church Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday April 17, 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	

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moe, at 6:32 p.m.

Our staff representative was Kay Young so we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Devotions: Kelly Dreier led us in devotions and read the Mission and Vision Statement.

Get to Know Our Staff: Kay Young, Joyful Noise Singers

Kay and her husband have been members here at Faith for 25 years. She has two children, a son who is a sophomore and a daughter in 8th grade. Kay is a Special Education Teacher in the Waconia School District. Kay has done many things at Faith over the years. She did Cherub Choir, was the Kids Club Accompanist, substitute piano playing at services, and also does weddings. She currently directs the Joyful Noise Singers. She loves working with the different age groups. Kay learned the piano at a very young age and music is a hobby for her which we are very grateful for.

Getting to Know the Ministries: Faith Formation (April- Building and Maintenance)
Building and Maintenance- Scott Texley (May-Stewardship)

The annual spring clean-up is scheduled for May 5th from 8:30-noon. The plan is to meet in

Steiner Hall and assemble into teams to perform general yard maintenance. There is a group working with Craig in making out a plan to landscape around the Faith sign on the south side of the Church. The lights are done now and we are looking at additional lighting around the choir area. And, thanks to Carl, the windows are clean. We are also going to work on the downspout outside Pastor Dale's office.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Dale:

Powered by Faith- Getting group together to discuss the next three year campaign. There are a few people interested and we hope to get more.

Still working on the Sound System Project. Looking at putting together a committee for this.

There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled for May 20th at 9:30. We need to elect the new members at this meeting so the council members who are vacating their positions, should be looking for possible replacements. We should also let the congregation know there are openings on council.

Pastor Dale and Pastor Christine began a 6 week preaching series on April 8th called "Raised Up! The Resurrections Changes Everything". Taking a look at the significance of Jesus resurrection from the dead for us, for all of humanity and for all time.

Sunday, April 15th (snow storm), we had very low offerings.

There are 40 kids to be Confirmed on Sunday, April 29th at 1:00 and 4:00 services. There were 20 kids who just received their First Communion.

Pastor Dale and Richard attended the 2018 Minnesota Prayer Breakfast on April 16th. Minnesota has a long and rich tradition of business, government and faith leaders gathering each year for food, fellowship and prayer. Next year they are hoping to open it up more broadly so more can attend.

The Lions Club are having a Korean & Vietnam Veterans Memorial Trip Welcome Home Parade. All are welcome to attend to show their support for our Veterans. This is April 25th, 2018. Music Entertainment begins at 8:30pm. Parade and ceremony at 9:40pm at Waconia City Square Park.

Ministry Imaginations Grant-

Background

The Resurrection Fund of the Minneapolis Area Synod was established by the Synod Council in 2017. The Fund will steward proceeds from the sale of property donated to the synod by congregations that have concluded their own ministries. The initial gift to the Fund was about \$1.2 million. This and subsequent gifts will be used for six purposes:

- Small grants, to be called *Ministry Imagination Grants* – using 25% of the total fund
- ELCA or partner ministries outside the synod – 10%
- Ministry in the synod that continues a unique gift of the closed congregation – 10%
- A project or projects within the synod designed to have a major impact – 25%
- New mission starts within the synod – 25%
- Telling the stories of all these projects; administration – 5%

The Synod Council is responsible for the distribution of all funds. It has established a Resurrection Fund Advisory Committee (RFAC) to make recommendations for *Ministry Imagination Grants*, subject to review by the Synod Council or its Executive Committee.

Purpose and Eligibility

The *Ministry Imagination Grants* are intended to offer support for new, enhanced or expanded ministry initiatives that uniquely further the gospel, encourage growth in faith, and/or strengthen Christian service.

Any congregation of the Minneapolis Area Synod may develop a proposal, either independently, or in a partnership that includes two or more synod congregations, or through a partnership of congregation(s) and other ministries or service entities.

For more information, contact Rev. Craig Pederson, c.pederson@mpls-synod.org, 612-230-3316

Pastor Christine:

Women's Retreat is scheduled for April 20th-21st. As of right now, there is only 16 women signed up.

The Connections Team is currently working on a survey to get feedback on which ministries are connecting with new members. Also, looking at what communication strategies are effective?

The newsletter is going to move to being only 6x a year to free up Jean to work on the website and keeping it fresh and current.

Currently, collecting bids to get a new Welcome Desk. They need it 8 feet which is not a standard measurement for what they are looking for. There will be a monitor behind the desk and the new people will have easy access to anything they would be looking for.

April 4th we starting a new Parenting Institute Series. The book is How to Raise an Adult. The first week there were 18 people. A great group and great discussions.

Treasurer's Report:

March was rough. Total Revenue remains slightly above budget YTD. March offering declined- Spring Break falling on Holy Week and Easter falling on April 1st contributed to this. Operating expenses are slightly above budget YTD; but the majority of this variance is due to the timing of expenses.

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 Kim Sop. The motion was seconded by Kelly Dreier. All approved. Motion carried.

Key Discussion Topics:

- 1. Update on Call Committee-** We need to schedule a first meeting with Craig Pederson. There is work to be done on working on the ministry site profile and then send to Synod. There are 3 ways we can get candidates; Self Apply, Congregation can suggest, Names from the Synod. Would like to get the call committee to still meet yet in April. After due diligence, the Council will bring a candidate to the congregation and the congregation needs to approve with a vote. Call Committee will provide progress updates.
- 2. 2017/2018 Calendar-** A new calendar was approved and will be sent out.
- 3. Project Updates-**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
Sound/Projection for Steiner Hall	Dale P.	\$18-25,000		PD looking to create a committee to take this project on.
Sound/Projection for Community Room	Dale P.	\$5,700		PD looking to create a committee to take this project on.
Convection Oven	Lea Ann B.	\$7,000		Oven is here/In
Anti-Fatigue Mats for Steiner Kitchen	Mike C.	\$450	\$200	Complete
New Shrubbery around Faith Sign	Scott / Craig	\$2,000		Scott has some ideas and will work with Craig on this.
Replace Lights in Sanctuary	Scott	\$6,000		Complete
225 Folding Chairs and Storage Racks	Mike C.	\$7,000		Compete- brought the chairs to the recycling center and donated the money to 'Relay for Life'
Welcome Desk	Christine	\$3,500		Trying to find the right size. Getting Quotes

- 4. Update on Pastor Christine-** Executive Committee will need to create an official Offer Letter for Pastor Christine to go part time. They are currently getting the offer together. Her Part Time status goes into effect June 1st, 2018.
- 5. Other-** Possibility of another CAT study?
- 6. Next Meeting-** May 15th 2018 at 6:30pm.

Don't forget to sign up for 'The Amazing Race' Saturday, April 28th. This is a scavenger hunt and it starts at 4:00 pm at Schram Winery and Brewery.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Lisa Moe.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary

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