

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
 Church Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday September 18th, 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.

Inclusive Grace. Contagious Love.

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	
Sarah Hartwig, Faith Formation	X	
Kari Colby, Connections Ministry	X	
Quentin Knaak, 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 Richard Scott, at 6:30 p.m.

We started the meeting by going around the room and sharing where and when we were baptized.

Richard read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Get to Know Our Staff: No representative for September.

Getting to Know the Ministries: Connections (October- Stewardship)
Connections (Growing to Serve and Connect) - Kari Colby

13 more ministries were represented at the Connections Fair. The primary goal is to get people involved.

A Time and Talents Survey email blast went out September 16th. Finding volunteers is a

struggle and we tend to use the same people. Hoping the Time and Talents Survey will bring in new people wanting to get involved. The Time and Talents Survey is also available on the front page of our website.

Events-

There was a Scavenger Hunt in spring at Schram Vineyards.

There was not a Fall Festival this year due to no enough people.

Upcoming- Ornament Exchange and a possible family event in February.

Our primary goal is to make people feel welcome here and make sure they are making connections. In 2019, we would like to do New Member integrations. We want to make sure that after their new member classes, we follow up with them and try to get them involved.

Small groups are the biggest success.

We are trying to work on the team (adding new members) would like to find people who are good at engaging with our 20-30 year olds.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Dale:

It has been a busy 3 weeks getting ready for fall programming to begin.

New sound system sounds great.

Attendance has been good the last few Sundays. Starting on Rally Sunday, we will be using the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Revised Common Lectionary. On the weeks from September through May, each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.

It has been fun to put together the Pinwheel Prayer Path. This started on Rally Sunday and will continue through the fall. Prayer is a good way to connect with God and others. You may bring your own pinwheel or pick up a pinwheel in the gathering space. You write your prayers concerns on the pinwheel and bring it to the Pinwheel Prayer Path. Place your pinwheel in the ground against or under the yellow cord. Then prayerwalk the course, moving slowly/prayerfully counter clockwise along the path. The whole community is invited to participate.

A lot of Pastoral Care stuff happening lately.

Overall, good energy here at Faith.

Pastor Christine:

Thanks go out to Jean on the Small Groups Guide Handbook.

Upcoming-

Dinner for 8- Right now, there are 9 hosts. 6 family groups and 3 adult only groups. This is once a month starting in January and running through April.

DVD Series- All congregational small group DVD series- "Love Does" by Bob Goff. This will begin the week of September 30th and is a 5 week series. Register to host or attend online or contact Pastor Christine for more information.

Monthly Leadership Huddle: "Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory" by Tod Bolsinger. This is the 3rd Sunday of the month from 11:15-12:30. It begins October 21st for 7 months. Join us as we seek to improve our leadership skills and provide support and guidance for challenge we may face as leaders in our workplace or here at church.

Mom's Connect- "What is the Bible" by Rob Bell. This is Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 starting September 20th. This group is for any 20-40 something-aged woman looking to build Christian Friendships and to deepen spiritual growth. This is a great book for people who feel clueless or skeptical about the Bible and whether it's relevant for today.

2018 Fall Women's Advent Retreat- Incarnation- How God Manifests through YOU! In advent we reflect on the mystery of incarnation- How God dared to come down to us and take the form of flesh, as a vulnerable living, breathing human being. Perhaps even more mystifying is how God chooses to live, move, and manifest through you. This is at Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie on Friday, November 16th-Saturday, November 17th from 5:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

Revenue is slightly ahead of budget for the month of August (2.9%) but remains under budget YTD (-4.7%). Operating expenses remain under budget for the month of August and YTD. Attendance has remained steady during the summer months, which is a positive change from previous summers. We are looking forward to a strong September.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Craig Sinclair and the Secretary's report for July 2018 as submitted via email by Peggy Phillipy was made by Stan Winnie. The motion was seconded by Kari Colby. All approved. Motion carried.

Key Discussion Topics:

- 1. Special Congregation Meeting-** Lisa has sent agenda- We would like as many council members/call committee to be there as possible.
- 2. 2019 Budget Calendar-** Budget worksheets went out last week- These should be submitted back to Mike by November 5th or sooner. We are hoping to approve the budget at the December 18th council meeting.

3. Project Updates-

<u>Project</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
Sound/Projection for Community Room	Dale P.	\$5,700		On hold
New Shrubbery around Faith Sign	Scott / Craig	\$2,000		Craig to reach out to the family. Would like to get this done in fall yet
Welcome Desk	Christine	\$3,500		This is being custom made by Jesse who is volunteering his time and only using money for supplies
Sanctuary HVAC Repair/Replace	Scott		\$5000/unit	One unit complete as of 9/24/18- two more units to go

4. PBF Update-

-Communications Update-

- Daryl has started the design of the brochure to include the following: Brochure, 2 envelopes and commitment card.
- A completion date (from Daryl) of Monday, September 24, 2018 is tight but reasonable to have an overall completion date of October 1, 2018, Printer stated that they would need approximately 7 days to complete the project.
- The order number of 750 has been determined by the team.
- A request has been made to be able to complete the commitment card online (not electronic giving).

-Lead Gift Update

- Ron has met with the lead gift team (approximately 10 people) and have identified the two lead gift presentation dates of October 8th and 11th at 7:00 pm. The event will take place at Vandy's Grill.
- A list of 62 households have been selected to be invited to the lead event. The list has been broken down to approximately 5 names per person.
- Ron stated that the invitations to the event will be out by September 18, 2018
- The lead gift team will be asked to provide a commitment prior to the event on October 8th and 11th.
- A powerpoint presentation will be created for this event.

-Administrative Update

- Jim will be waiting for the materials to be delivered after October 1, 2018. He will assemble (with help) the packets to have ready no later than October 7, 2018.
- Jim will distribute lead gift packets to the lead gift team.

-Events Update

- Mindy shared that the Burau Family passed on hosting the event. She identified another location and has enlisted the help of Christy.

-Congregational Launch Update

- October 22, 2018 has been identified as the Leadership Event. The PBF, Church Council and Staff will be invited to this event.

- Launch dates have been identified as October 24th and October 28th.
- Commitment Wednesday/Sunday: November 14th and November 18th

5. Property/Liability Insurance- This is to be worked on separately. Updates to come.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by Richard Scott

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary

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