

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
 Church Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday April 16th, 2019 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	
Katie Escalante- Associate Pastor	X	

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moe at 6:33 p.m.

Opening Devotions: We opened with the Lord’s Prayer and Kelly read a devotion.

Reading of the Faith Mission & Vision Statement: Lisa Moe

Get to Know Our Staff: No staff

Getting to Know the Ministries: Faith Formation, Sarah Hartwig (May-Social Outreach)

Wrapping up the school year and are already planning for a busy summer. The camps are looking full, with the exception of the Boundary Waters trip. We need to get a better plan in place to schedule more fun events.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Dale:

Had the 9th grade Confirmation retreat at Green Lake and it went well. We did a 3-part teaching on the Apostle's Creed. Ally did a nice job. We will be working with Ally on trying to work ahead. Also, we planned out the Confirmation service.

50th Anniversary meetings are going well. It is a really good group of people and range in the years of time at the church.

Preparing for Holy Week. Also, have a funeral on Thursday.

April 28th is Common Hope Sunday with Confirmation services in the afternoon.

Pastor Katie:

Continuing to work with Connections

Marriage Retreat will be January 24-January 25th, at Oakridge

Launching in May is the Pastors Book Study. Book is 'Holy Envy' by Barbara Brown Taylor. This is Thursday afternoons in May from 1-2:30.

Palm Sunday was great, there were over 600 people.

Staff retreat day is May 21st- Will be working on the calendar. Please go back to your ministries and if there are any dates for events you have coming up, please let us know so we can add to the calendar.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Craig Sinclair and the Secretary's report for March 2019 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 Updates/Wish List/Large Gifts Update-** Lisa handed out an updated wish list and we discussed items on the wish list as well as the large gift policy. We received a \$50,000 large gift from Sudheimer Family. Since it was given without designation, we will follow our large gift policy. Lisa highlighted several items she thought that we could use the money towards. \$25,000 went to the endowment fund. (your check is in the mail!)
\$5,000 will be allocated to Social Outreach. Quentin recommended the following allocation which was presented to the Council and voted to move forward 8 of 11
Christo Obrero(South West Latino Ministry) \$2,000
Redeemer Center for Life \$750
Common Hope \$750

Public Safety Ministry \$750
Families Moving Forward(Beacon) \$750

Kari Colby made a motion to use \$15,000 of the remaining \$20,000 as follows:

Exterior siding boards- \$6,000
Restrooms (replace sink and counter)- \$3,000
Elkay drinking fountain- \$2,000
Special music for Rally Sunday- \$1,500
Ally's laptop- \$1,000
Defibrillator for Education Wing- \$1500

The remaining \$5000 is to go into a reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Richard Scott.

All approved. Motion carried.

2. **LRP-** We are almost done with the listening sessions. Richard will be pulling all of the information together and do an analysis to identify key themes to line up with the current ministries. The ministries will then move forward with planning. We can possibly share some of this information at the May Congregational Meeting. The goal is to have this completed and in place by Fall.
3. **Child Protection Policy-** In order to renew our liability insurance, we need to have a Child Protection Policy in place. A template had been provided by the insurance company and Kelly D will help in providing legal counsel. Mike and Richard will work on the policy's wording so that it is a fit for us. They will then email it to the council for a vote. This needs to be done prior to June 1st, 2019.
4. **Council Position Update-** Jim Karstens will be on council for Stewardship and Kristin Johnson for Worship and Music. VP and Treasurer are still not filled. Kari Colby will continue to work with Connections for the next several months.
5. **Congregational Meeting-** May 19th at 9:30- Came up with a tentative agenda for the congregational meeting. Here is the proposed Agenda for May 19th meeting:
Timing and speakers would be:

Meeting called to order	end of 8:30 am service	Lisa
Opening Prayer	9:30 am	Dale
Minutes	9:33 am	Lisa
YTD Financial	9:33 – 9:38 am	Craig
Stewardship	9:38 – 9:43 am	Stan
Large Gifts	9:43 – 9:46 am	Lisa
LRP	9:46 – 9:50 am	Richard
50 th Anniversary	9:50 – 9:55 pm	Dale
Q & A	9:55 - 10 am	
Closing Prayer		Richard

6. **Council/Staff Social-** May 21st at 6:30. Richard and his wife will be hosting. More to come from Richard.

Pastor Dale led a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary