

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waconia, Minnesota
 Church Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, September 17th, 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
Richard Scott, President		X
Patrick Butler, Vice President	X	
Mary Fahrenkamp, 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	
Jim Karstens, Stewardship	X	
Kristin Johnson, 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 Pat Butler at 6:31 p.m.

- **Get to Know the Staff- Brooke Struck, Communications-** Brooke joined Faith’s staff in July 2019 and job shares Communications with Christy Willis. Along with being a part of the staff, Brooke also is Co-Chair for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. Her and her family have lived in Waconia for 9 years and have been members for 8. Her and her husband have 3 boys, 8th grade, 6th grade and 2nd grade. Right now, soccer is taking up a lot of their time. Just a part of what Brooke does at Faith is doing service powerpoints, Facebook, Instagram, website updates and the new and improved website is coming soon.
- **Opening Devotions-** Aaron Kopel
- **Reading of Faith’s Mission & Vision Statement-** Aaron

Ministry Moment- Connections (October- Stewardship)

- Have been pushing and planning for fall launch
- If you haven't picked up a Programs & Offerings booklet, please do so, they did an incredible job
- Connections Fair was successful – we had a new set-up this year
- Several small groups are launching in the next few weeks
- 4th Sunday of the month, we will be having donuts for the Connections Café
- Women's Retreat is October 11th-12th
- Fall Festival is October 6th- Food and Fun! Games and food trucks.

Standing Monthly Reports

o Pastors' Reports-

o Pastor Katie

- Cristo Obero finished up soccer in August- Right now we are looking at how we can move forward. We will continue to work with Riverview Terrace- possibly continue to have activities on Tuesday's. Maybe Spanish/English classes?
- IT/Communications- right now we are using ACS and have discussing options with possibility of moving to Realm database. There is really a lot of potential with this database that would allow members to manage their own demographics, registrations, etc
- Just normal stuff of worship, preaching and leading groups

o Pastor Dale

- Lynne has done a great job as the Congregation Connector. She has brought us up to another professional level in all she has done so far. Lynne's last day will be September 24th- We are in the process of hiring someone for her position.
- Mary Toufar will be retiring in March of 2020 (please keep this confidential for now). We will announce this in October. Her job description is up to date and we will be starting to look for candidates for her position.
- Right now, we are really plugging Bob Stromberg. This is a free event that will be sure to bring a lot of laughs. He will be here October 27th and begin at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments will follow in Steiner Hall. This is open to the community.
- New Member orientation will be September 29th- If you can, please come in around 11:15 and introduce yourselves and plug your ministry.
- Ministry Fair- everyone did a phenomenal job
- We are starting Parenting Institute on Wednesday nights after the Prime Time Service. Starting a 5-week institute on 'Parenting is Hard' - AMEN –
- Pastor's Book Study will start Thursday, September 26th and run for 8 weeks. This is Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 in the Fireside Room. Cost: \$15 for "Everybody, Always" Book (Available for Purchase at Welcome Center)
- A lot of Pastoral Care right now. So glad we are part of a community where we can share our struggles and hope that this is a healing place.

- Jen Bostic was here for Rally Sunday and it was a great day.
- Attendance numbers down

- **Treasurer's Report- Mary Fahrenkamp**

August Revenue favorable to budget 36.5K. Expenses favorable to budget 4.1K for net operating income favorability of 40.7K.

YTD Revenue is unfavorable to budget 2.2K while expenses are favorable to budget 25.92 for net operating income favorability to budget 23.3K

YTD Expenses are greater than revenue by 9.8K

Attendance remains down in August 2019

- **Secretary's Report- Peggy Phillipy**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the Secretary's report for August 2019 as submitted via email by Peggy Phillipy was made by Aaron Kopel. The motion was seconded by Mary Fahrenkamp. All approved. Motion carried.

- **New Business & Key Topic Discussion**

- **Project Updates/Wish List-** Pat has created a procedure for submitting project/wish list requests. He will send this document out and going forward, will be the manager of this process and its documents.

A motion was made by Aaron Kopel to move forward with the purchase/installation of the drinking fountains for a total of \$3,002. The motion was seconded by Sarah Wilson. All approved and motion carried to move forward.

A motion was made by Quentin Knaak to approve the proposed wish list item for the upcoming Marriage Retreat for a total of \$1,200. The motion was seconded by Sarah Wilson. All approved and motion carried to approve this item.

- **LRP Update-** Pat had sent out an email reminder with attachments to have completed by October 15th. Please work with your ministries to complete this
- **Congregational Meeting-** Will be held November 17th between services at 9:30
- **New Member Class-** Talked about under Pastor's Reports
- **Round-Room Ministry Updates-**

Jim K- Stewardship- Had a meeting yesterday and was productive. Right now, we are focusing on firming up the details for the Bob Stromberg event. We are also looking to try and focus on increasing pledges for young families.

Sarah W- Faith Formation- We have our fall programs starting- has been busy. We are always looking for volunteers. Our ministry is meeting tomorrow for LRP.

Kristin J- Worship & Music- Meeting with ministry October 1st for LRP. All music groups have started. Families Moving Forward needs volunteers.

Building and Maintenance- Fall clean-up

Aaron K- IT- Researching Realm. Laptops have been updated to Windows 10

Quentin K- Social Outreach- Food Shelf is starting mobile food service one Wednesday a month and will be looking for drivers. If you are interested, please contact Angela Rud. November is Stuff-A-Truck- we will be looking for volunteers to help unload truck. We have been receiving thank-you letters from organizations that we donate to. This is just a reminder of the great work we do and how we make such a difference. Donated over 6.000 diapers to Beacon.

- **Closing Prayer-** Aaron

Motion was made by Pastor Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Pastor Katie. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Peggy Phillipy, Secretary