

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church- Waconia, Minnesota
Congregational Meeting Minutes- Monday, May 17th, 2021

Mission: To Learn, Serve, and Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vision: To be a dynamic, energized worshiping community where all are growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, one another and those beyond our walls.

Inclusive Grace. Contagious Love.

Before calling the meeting to order, Council President Richard Scott went over basic guidelines on how to participate in the meeting, via phone and web.

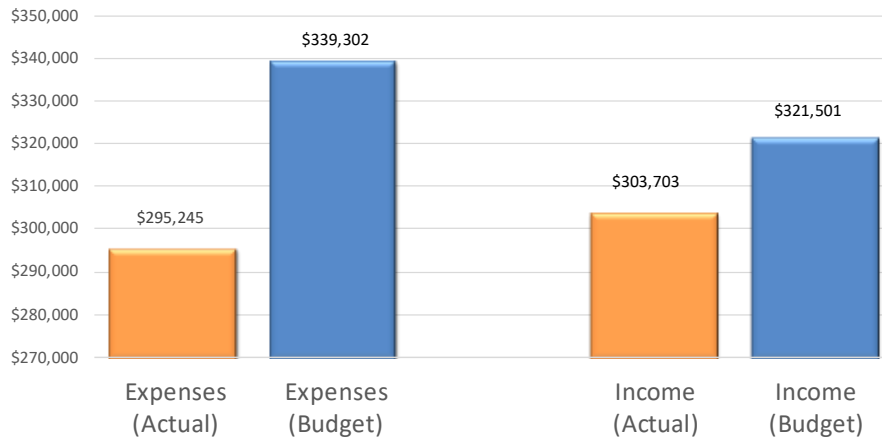
Call to Order: The congregational meeting was called to order by Richard Scott, Council President at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 17th, 2021.

Prayer: Pastor Katie Escalante opened with prayer.

Call Committee Update by Pat Butler: The Call Committee has been meeting regularly and phase one of the three phase call process is nearly complete. Phase one consisted of developing a ministry site profile which will be reviewed and voted upon by the Council at the next meeting. Once the site profile is approved, it will be sent to the synod for review and a period of consultation will begin. Phase three will be actual candidate interviews. There was additional Q&A from members about the process. The ministry site profile will be posted on the church website once approved.

YTD Financial Update: Mary Fahrenkamp, Treasurer, was not in attendance. Richard Scott presented the financial report and Jim Karstens provided the Powered By Faith stewardship report.

2021 YTD Income vs. Expense



Powered By Faith Stewardship Update— Jim Karstens

Monthly Income

	2021	2020	Deficit
February	\$55,083	\$63,788	\$8,705
March	\$56,894	\$63,049	\$6,155
April	\$68,895	\$82,228	\$13,333
TOTAL			\$28,193



Stewardship Notes:

- Monthly giving has been under budget each month in early 2021.
- A letter was sent to the full congregation a few weeks ago outlining the drop in giving and appealing for continued support of the church's ministries.
- The stewardship committee will be launching a new three-year campaign next year and is in need of volunteers.

Church Council Members: Pastor Dale Peterson thanked the council members that have fulfilled their terms. Thank you to Quentin Knaak, Aaron Kopel and Richard Scott.

Richard Scott announced the proposed council members to take the place of the vacated council positions. They are Chuck Bies, Travis Dreier, and Bill Goergen. Richard then opened the ballot up to the congregation for anyone they wished to add to the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. A nomination and second were inadvertently missed and Mr. Scott called for a voice vote on the slate of nominees as presented. The slate was approved unanimously. The Council will assign specific ministry and officer roles at their June Council meeting.

Covid Response Update: The Faith Covid response team is reviewing Faith's protocols in light of changing CDC and state guidance. We are excited to be planning to bring the congregation back together and have a new start. There was Q&A from the members. It is important to note that Faith does plan to continue livestreaming as a permanent part of the worship offerings.

Closing Prayer, and adjournment: Pastor Dale thanked everyone for their participation and for their continued support. He thanked the staff for their flexibility and support in a difficult year. He also thanked the Council, the pandemic team and all who lead groups. Although its been a challenging year, there have been a lot of silver linings. Pastor Dale then closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.