

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Minutes**

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	Role	Present	Absent
Patrick Butler	President	X	
Bill Goergen	Vice President	X	
Mary Fahrenkamp	Treasurer	X	
Jessica Hartmann	Secretary	X	
Rob Dansare	Building & Maintenance		X
Kristin Johnson	Worship & Music	X	
Jim Karstens	Stewardship		X
Chuck Bies	Social Outreach	X	
Travis Dreier	IT & Communications	X	
Sue Monson-White	Connections		X
Sarah Wilson	Faith Formation	X	
Dale Peterson	Sr. Pastor	X	
Katie Escalante	Associate Pastor	X	

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Butler at 6:32 p.m.

- **Opening Devotions** – Teamwork – Patrick Butler
- **Reading of Faith’s Mission & Vision Statement** – Patrick Butler
- **Get to Know the Staff** – Christy Willis
 - Christy is on the marketing and communications team. She’s been with Faith about two years, having started right before Covid. She works on announcements, bullitens, newsletter, email blasts, etc. She commented on how great the Faith team is.
- **Welcome New Council Members/Orientation**
 - Each council member introduced him/herself.
 - The Faith Church Council meetings follow Roberts Rules of Order.

- Mary F. made a motion to install the new council members in the following roles. Motion was seconded by Chuck B. Motion carried.
 - Bill G. – Vice President
 - Travis D – IT/Technology
 - Chuck B – Social Outreach.
 - Meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
 - Meeting will be virtual in July & August and then move to hybrid in September.
 - Each council member has a mailbox in the church office. Please remember to check this regularly.
 - Sometimes votes are taken electronically – please be watchful for council related emails.
 - Send newsletter updates on your ministry area to Brook & Christy. Pastor Katie will distribute a communication schedule with monthly deadlines.
 - The office staff provides great support and can answer many questions.
 - Please contact Mike C. with any financial questions.
- **Get to Know the Ministries** – Worship & Music – Kristin J.
 - The committee consists of the pastors, choir directors, Shelly. Kristin Bruellman serves as the committee chair.
 - The pastors do a great job of coordinating the worship service.
 - Shelly coordinates the music.
 - In the summer we will have one service at 9 a.m. through Labor Day.
 - Kristin is looking forward to a “normal” fall with events like Rally Day, the author visit, Lori Line.
 - Faith choir will be back in October!

Standing Monthly Reports

- **Pastors’ Reports**

- Pastor Dale Peterson
 - It’s nice to have things feeling more normal including events at the church such as weddings and funerals.
 - The staff held a retreat at the arboretum where they went through the upcoming church calendar and did planning.
 - He met with the 50th anniversary committee.
 - The celebration was delayed by Covid but is getting back on track.
 - A hymn has been commissioned.
 - The committee is not going to try to do everything that had originally been planned.
 - There have been more in-person pastoral care visits.
 - The summer sermon series is on the fruits of the spirit.
- Pastor Katie Escalante
 - A new member class was held with three new families.
 - The senior recognition service was held for graduating seniors.
 - She has finished a new Christ in Our Home devotional series.
 - She has been meeting with Shannon and Shane to plan for youth ministry for the coming year.
 - Moms Connect is back.
 - VBS was held last week with two sessions (morning and afternoon) and strong attendance.

- She attended her final retreat for first call pastors.
 - She's been working ahead on advent planning.
 - IT is working with Twin Cities Sound to install choir mics.
 - She has been prepping for her maternity leave.
 - A celebration team has been formed to plan for Pastor Dale's farewell.

- **Secretary Report – May 2021 Council Minutes**
 - Bill made a motion to approve the May council minutes. Travis seconded. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer's Report – Mary Fahrenkamp**
 - YTD net operating income is 3k; May MTD net operating income is (5k)
 - YTD budget variances: revenue is unfavorable 29k and expenses are favorable 6k
 - May MTD budget variances: revenue is unfavorable (11k) and expenses are favorable 6k
 - The council and staff have been really good stewards on expenses.
 - May's deficit of revenue compared to budget was less than the deficit the last few months.
 - Important to note that as "normal" activity resumes, expenses will go back up.
 - Chuck made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Kristin seconded. Motion carried.
 - Chuck inquired whether the full council will be able to see the detailed monthly financial reports. This will be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

- **New Business & Key Topic Discussions**
 - **Project Updates/Wish List**
 - No new wish list items.

 - **Call Committee & Approval of Ministry Site Profile**
 - Patrick reported on the congregational question and answer session held the previous evening with Bishop Ann S.
 - The committee has finalized the ministry site profile which has been submitted to the synod and is active on their website.
 - The next step is for the synod to provide candidates.

 - **Covid Update – Pastor Katie**
 - There is not much new to share this month.
 - A section of the seating in the sanctuary has been set aside for those who still want to social distance.
 - Connections Café after services have resumed.

 - **Ministry Updates**
 - Kristin – Worship & Music – No additional information beyond what was shared earlier.
 - Sue – Connections – The committee met for the first time in person. They are talking about a new pictorial directory. Rally Day will be Sept. 12. The Connections Fair is scheduled for September 19. There will be no fall festival this year. They will be hosting a game night in January, a potluck, the Amazing Race

in April. In addition, Dinner for 8 will be starting up and they will celebrate Father's Day with Dad's Root Beer.

- There was discussion about the directory and whether there could be an online version (instead of print). Pastor Katie noted that the church's new database does have a member interface that could potentially support an online directory.
 - Travis – IT & Communications – He has not had a chance to catch up with Aaron on the status of IT projects. He will look into whether the church has the technology needed for hybrid meetings. Pastor Katie also noted that the church is getting a new server this summer.
 - Chuck – Social Outreach – There is a lot of activity with Social Outreach. He has already submitted a full update for the newsletter. Love Inc is back up and running and will have a booth at Nickle Dickle Day and a golf fundraiser in September. He is also in contact with Redeemer. There will be no block party this year, but they will have a gala in September. There are also summer tutoring opportunities in Chaska. Common Hope raised \$3,500 last weekend.
 - Jim – Stewardship – Jim was not present but had sent an update to Jessica to share. The first two Sundays of June are very similar to the same two weeks of 2020. The reopening rebound in offerings has yet to occur, but we remain hopeful.
 - Sarah – Faith Formation – Sarah was not present.
 - Rob – Building & Maintenance – Rob was not present.
- **Other Business**
 - None
 - Closing Prayer – Patrick Butler

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Jessica Hartmann, Secretary