

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Minutes**

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.

Council Members	Present	Absent
Marcia Bening	X	
Jesse Bergstrom	X	
Chuck Bies	X	
Travis Dreier	X	
Bill Goergen		X
Jessica Hartmann	X	
Dave Horstmann	X	
Karin Rood	X	
Linda Stroschein	X	
Scott Texley	X	
Sarah Wilson	X	
Solomon Kopel	X	
Pastor Katie Escalante	X	
Pastor Adam White	X	

Note: The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide an orientation to roles and duties for the new council members and to elect officers. The standard order of business will resume with the July meeting.

Outgoing Council President Patrick Butler joined the meeting to preside over the election of new officers and appointment of ministry liaison roles. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

- **Introductions/Ministry Stories** – Each council member shared how their relationship with the Waconia Faith Lutheran community began and shared stories of where they see ministry at work within the church and its people.
- **Council Member Orientation:**
 - Pastor Adam White reviewed the roles of the officers and council members as described in the current version of the constitution.
 - Jessica Hartmann provided an overview of the standard order of business for the monthly agenda.

- o Dave Horstmann reviewed the current financial statements and provided a general overview of the various reports that are provided to the council members each month.
 - o Pastor Adam provided a brief overview of current congregational and council initiatives including:
 - The Believe summer worship tour
 - Constitution/bylaws rewrite
 - Efforts to build a culture of stewardship
 - The need for a capital campaign in the near future and an overview of significant expenses such as:
 - Parking lot repair
 - Necessary building maintenance (roof, etc.)
 - Mortgage/interest on the building
 - 2023 Congregational/Council goals
 - The ongoing movement of congregants to the Realm platform
 - Background checks on volunteers who work with youth
 - o Pastor Katie explained the use of the Google shared drive for storing council documents
- **Officer Elections** - The following individuals were nominated and elected by written ballot for the officer positions:
 - o Nominees for president
 - Bill Goergen
 - Jessica Hartmann – Elected
 - o Nominee for vice president
 - Bill Goergen – Elected
 - o Nominee for treasurer
 - Dave Horstmann – Elected
 - o Nominee for secretary
 - Sarah Wilson - Elected
- **Ministry Liaison Positions** – The following people accepted liaison roles for the various ministry areas outlined in the governing documents:
 - o Faith Formation - Sarah/Jessica
 - o Property – Scott
 - o Connections – Marcia
 - o Stewardship – Jesse
 - o Social Outreach – Chuck
 - o Worship/Music - Linda/Karin
 - o Tech/Comm – Travis
 - o Solomon does not have an area of focus and he was asked to consider this question for the next meeting. There was a suggestion that he pick 2-3 things he's interested in learning more about and spend a few months with each.
- **Additional Discussion**
 - o Pastor Katie Escalante noted that additional people have moved over the Realm platform due to the council's phone call efforts, but there are still over 60 members who have automated giving coming through the old payment platform. There was discussion that people may be leery of emails and/or phone calls about financial matters. A mailed letter on Faith letterhead may be effective in reaching these final people.

- **Closing Prayer** – Patrick Butler

Meeting adjourned – 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted - Jessica Hartmann, Secretary