

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 17, 2020 ~ 7 p.m.

Present: Outgoing Council President David Ripley, Council President Mick Vana, Senior Pastor John Albertson, Pastoral Intern Dennis Rodenberg, Director of Youth and Family Ministries Danny Stone, Vice President Stephanie Kubik, Director of Youth Nurture Teresa Wilkes, Director of Youth Jenny VansCoy, Director of Social Concerns Christy Pratt, Director of Fellowship Chris Thompson, Director of Worship Deb Aldrich, Director of Adult Nurture Sue Tweeton, Treasurer Becky Kelsey, Director of Facilities Mike Dautremont, Financial Secretary Dave Koch, and Secretary Debra Bell Geiser.

Outgoing President David Ripley called the meeting to order and welcomed new Council President Mick Vana. David reviewed the meeting agenda, then turned the meeting over to Pastor John for new council member orientation. Pastor John Albertson opened with prayer and a litany, then led us through a get-to-know-you exercise. We broke into small groups and talked about our expectations for our time in Council and what we hope to gain from being on Council.

Pastor John went over our responsibilities as Council members and recommended recruiting a few compatible and committed people to staff our committees. Directors should: hold regular meetings; keep minutes; use budgets wisely; submit receipts to the Treasurer to be reimbursed; and keep Church Secretary Jen Heinsius and Director of Youth and Family Ministries Danny Stone, our digital pro, informed of the dates and times of activities that need to be scheduled and communicated to the congregation. Jen handles scheduling the building and *Seed* articles; Danny handles digital communications.

Orientation completed, outgoing President David Ripley called for a motion to approve the January 20, 2020 meeting minutes as distributed. Mike Dautremont moved that Council approve the minutes; Deb Aldrich seconded the motion, which carried.

With a new President and Treasurer, David Ripley noted that we need to update documents at Farmers State Bank (FSB) to show that these new officers are authorized signers on the church account. Financial Secretary David Koch moved that President Mick Vana, Treasurer Becky Kelsey, and Karen Cain, who is assisting the Treasurer, be made authorized signers on the main Faith Lutheran account at Farmers State Bank. Director of Youth Jenny VansCoy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

New President Mick noted that he while he feels like he has a lot to learn, the meeting was encouraging and he looks forward to getting up to speed on Council business. He asked Council members to invite him to their committee meetings, as he would like to meet with each committee.

The following Council members submitted written reports, which are summarized below:

Financial Secretary Dave Koch: ♦ Dave emailed Council members the January 2020 Financials and reported that expenses and income are as expected for the month.

Director of Adult Nurture Susan Tweeton: ♦ Day Time Disciples and Coffee with Pastor are on hiatus until spring. ♦ Pastor's Class continues to meet in the library after 9 a.m. services. The current curriculum is the video series *Living the Question*. ♦ Evening Bible class will continue every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7 p.m., thanks to Phil and Laura White who have agreed to act as leaders. The class is using the book *Exploring the Bible* by Eric Barreto and Michael Chan for a journey through Scripture. ♦ Faith Reads will meet Sunday, Feb 23 after 9 am service to discuss the book *Love Without Limits* by Jacqueline Bussie. "How can we overthrow hate and heal hurt in today's divided world." ♦ Faith Book Club will meet Thursday, Feb 20 to discuss the book *Along the Infinite Sea* by Beatriz Williams. The

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March book will be *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. ♦ Men's Book Study is reading *Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894* by Daniel Brown. They are meeting on Saturdays at 9 am and will continue through April. Read about the fire that destroyed the small town of Hinkley, Minnesota. ♦ Groovers meet Wednesday morning and Thursday evenings to exercise to the Body Grove video series from Misty Tripoli. ♦ If there are other activities of which Sue should be aware, please let her know. The Adult Nurture committee will be looking for additional activities to schedule for this spring and next fall.

Director of Worship Debora Aldrich: ♦ At its February 14 meeting, the Worship Committee reviewed the lector, greeter, usher, altar guild, acolyte, and organist needs for the year. We identified a few vacancies that need to be filled in the regular schedule, and we need more greeters in general. We want to take a look at the 5th Saturday and Sunday time slots and see how the scheduling for readers, etc., might work better. ♦ The main focus of the meeting was on the Lenten services and soup suppers. The Thursday night services will use the Holden Evening Prayer. As in years past, there will be three stations for foot washing at the doors to the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday. We will arrange for acolytes, ushers, and communion assistants for all the services. We will again invite Ascension Lutheran to share the Easter Vigil with us. Pastor John is going to put information in the bulletin and *Seed* to explain the simple soup and bread menu for the soup suppers. We agreed that this simple fare would enhance the Lenten season for reflection. ♦ The following groups have signed up to host the soup suppers: March 5 – Choir; March 12 – Council; March 19 – Fellowship; March 26 – Women's Book Club; April 2 – Worship Committee / Men's Book Club. People who are on multiple committees will choose which one or ones they wish to help with soup or set-up. ♦ Pastor John asked the Worship Committee to think about having a funeral host from the church to help with funerals that don't use funeral home services. We will take this up in our next meeting.

Director of Youth Nurture Teresa Wilkes: ♦ March is science month in Sunday School. Teresa plans to create a colorful flyer to hand out to the neighborhood closest to our church showing our Sunday School kids doing fun science things. Dan Wilkes is willing to deliver the flyers. Teresa noted that if we want our church to grow, it is all about getting young families to join. ♦ Teresa has not had any luck getting parents to sign up for Sunday School. We currently run only one elementary class K-4th grade. We also don't have any kindergarteners or first grade children.

Directors of Youth Jenny & Dustin VansCoy: ♦ We have started Mime practice! Thus far, we have had nearly all of our high schoolers either attend a practice in person or communicate with us for a part that they want. We have followed along in the Bible and watched a video of the gospel of Matthew, which is what this year's Mime is based on. The youth seem engaged in the project so far and were excited to start actual practice last week. ♦ There was a sledding event on January 26 that was well attended; we actually had nice, fresh snow and decent weather!

Facilities Director Mike Dautremont: ♦ **Furnace Filters:** A sample furnace filter was reviewed during the Facilities meeting. As advised by the contractor during the HVAC replacements, the large filters will need to be replaced only during the spring and fall equipment servicing. ♦ **Ansul Fire Suppression:** The system under the kitchen hood has had the required inspection completed and now has a "2020" tag. ♦ **Confirmation Pictures:** Forty years of pictures are being reframed and mounted in the East hallway. Several missing pictures are being researched, and names of the people in each picture are being recorded. The pictures are being mounted using Command Velcro strips, so they can be adjusted and the Command strips removed without damage to the walls.

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Social Concerns Director Christy Pratt: ♦ As a congregation, we donated over \$5,000 of goods to Marion Churches Food Bank! They continue to have a huge need for volunteers. ♦ We will be working with St Pius again for a food packaging event. ♦ The health incentive is up and running. February is about being a friend and being nice. If you compliment or say thank you to someone, you can put your name in a drawing for a HyVee gift card. ♦ Blood drive is February 18 at Resurrection from 2:30-6:30 p.m. ♦ Buck a Chick will start on Ash Wednesday, February 26, for our Lenten project, with the competition of chicks (youth) vs. hens (women) vs. roosters (men).

The next Council meeting will be March 23. The Council decided to move its March meeting from the third Monday of the month, our usual night, to 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, because of spring break.

A motion was made by Deb Bell Geiser and seconded by Mike Dautremont to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Bell Geiser, Secretary
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