

## Faith Lutheran Church - Council Minutes Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

<b>President</b> Dennis Langehaug	x	<b>Vice President</b> Jon Kamrath		<b>Treasurer</b> Al Liepold	x	<b>Secretary</b> Amanda Schueler	x
Jan Kreie	x	Tanja Glaser	x	Cheryl Buboltz		Lola Bradford	
Connie Saloum		Monica Schiller	x	Joy May	x	Jamie Kaping	
		Derek Durst	x	Karna Blake	x		
Pastor Scott	x	Pastor Dave		Pastor Paulus	x	Pastor Paul	x
Wendy Magruder	x	Marsha Schmit	x	Sara Wegner	x	Jeff Amundson	x
Austin Willhite		Laura Stowman	x	Kristen Durst			

Call to order by President Dennis Langehaug @ 7:39 p.m.  
Devotions by Monica Schiller

**Secretary's Report:** M/S/C to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes as presented

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Special Funds balances reflect some payments/receipts for the Drive-In Diner fundraiser. Christian Counseling Funds were moved into Special Funds balance and the separate account was closed.
- June shows a net loss of \$22,223, with a total net loss year to date of \$70,350.
- June offering was lower than normal based off previous years' trends, but we currently still have an increase in YTD giving over last year's giving by .98% or \$3,898.21.
  - M/S/C to approve Treasurer's Report for June 2024.

**Pastor/Staff Reports:**

**Ministry Team Reports:**

Congregational Life (Tanja and Monica)

- Brainstormed ideas of open house event on August 22—serve root beer floats.

Discipleship (Joy and Cheryl)

- Brainstormed ideas of open house event on August 22 – scavenger hunt, information table.
- Protect His House training event on August 27.
- Soup and Chili Supper will be December 11 this year.

Management (Executive Committee)

- Discussed some special designated accounts that have undefined uses. (See below.)
- Hjerpes will donate and put up the new basketball hoop.

Music and Worship (Karna and Derek)

- \$1,140.00 received for music fundraiser so far; runs through July 31.
- Organ specialist coming 7/17 to repair. Sharon Barton on hand for that in Austin's place.

Children, Youth and Family (Lola and Jamie)

- New early release program will be called Aftershock.
- Brainstormed ideas of open house event on August 22—crafts, games, nursery, information sheet.
- Brainstorming potential Digging Deeper classes for parents for the fall.

### Church in the World (Jan and Connie)

- Sponsorship money to Guy and Leia Johnson is paid up through three quarters, but they will no longer serve with CRU, so the last quarter allocation will be distributed elsewhere.
- Brainstormed ideas for open house event on Aug. 22—missions map, list of ministries we support.

### **Old Business:**

#### P2FT Update:

- Interviewed a couple of fundraising firms. Cost to run a capital campaign is around \$60,000. The team has decided to organize a campaign on our own without the help of a consultant.

#### New Hope Mission Society Update:

- Faith Lutheran was a founding member, formed to help K.K. and now his son, Abdul Messiah.
- NHMS is low on funds and would like to raise awareness of its work, hoping to raise more support.
- Abdul Messiah is scheduled to be back in the area this fall.

### **New Business:**

#### Sabbatical stay for Brazilian Pastor

- Juliano and Fabi Peter will enjoy some rest and relaxation at the Ansgar House, with the opportunity to learn more about Faith Lutheran and us about them. They will arrive on August. 13 and stay with us until the beginning of October. They will then spend six weeks with Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Afton, MN.

Special Funds is a collection of gifts designated for specific purposes. Some of those purposes are no longer active or have been sitting unused for years. The Management Team proposed disbursing some of those designated funds as follows:

- \$459.81 bequest from an estate that does not have a designation; put into the endowment fund.
- \$1,000 originally given to build the Blessing Box, but that expense was covered by the person who built it. Use the funds to purchase food to refill the box every month for as long as it lasts.
- \$320.31 from Cans of Hope. Use to help fill and ship shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- \$86.71 in decorating fund. Moved to Building Maintenance and Repair fund.
- \$513 from Mugs & Muffins and Men of Faith. Mention availability to discipleship team if needed.
- \$123 from Pictorial directory. Hold for next directory and use then.
- \$4,000 designated for roof repair. Use to pay for redoing the ceiling in the gathering space.
  - M/S/C to disburse these funds as presented

#### Fall Planning and Faith Groups

- Preaching series on Biblical Stewardship to begin the Sunday after Labor Day to Reformation Sunday
- Faith Groups filming has started. Theme is "By What Authority? Biblical Authority Today."

Correspondence this month from various ministries to thank us for our support.

The next regular church council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions for May – Derek Durst

Closing prayer led by Pastor Scott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.