



Faith Lutheran Church Council 2023

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:30PM

in Person/Zoom

Attendees: Pastor Eric Olsen, Ann Greenwood-President, Peggy Ragan-Secretary, Joan Searles, Mark Nelson, Lauren Wardach, Jerry Cooper; via Zoom: Amanda Bright, Gail Lidinsky, Anita Wooton. Absent/Excused: Scott Rice-Vice President

Mission - "Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others."

**Values – Mutual Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness, Commitment
Perseverance, Faithfulness, Compassion, Flexibility**

Ann Greenwood, outgoing President, called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
Joan Searles opened with prayer.

A Quorum of Council Members was met.

Minutes of January 19, 2023 were approved and posted to Friday Update.

Welcome of New Members

Ann Greenwood welcomed new members and introductions were made. We participated in an activity to get to know one another: Each person filled out a card listing "something you may not know about me" and we enjoyed guessing who that person might be.

Consent Agenda Items

- Endowment Committee Report
- School Committee Report
- Stewardship Committee Report

In order to use meeting time more efficiently, a "consent agenda" format will be used for agenda items that require no discussion/action.

ACTION: A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Anita to accept the consent agenda items without further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

Election of New Officers

Pastor Eric chaired this portion of the meeting to elect executive committee members for 1-year terms.

- President – Scott Rice was nominated by Joan and seconded by Ann. Mark made a motion which was seconded by Peggy to close the nominations.

Action: Scott Rice was unanimously elected to serve as Council President for 2023.

- Vice President: Ann Greenwood was nominated by Jerry and seconded by Lauren. Anita made a motion which was seconded by Mark to close the nominations.

Action: Ann Greenwood was unanimously elected to serve as Council Vice President for 2023.

- Secretary: Peggy Ragan was nominated by Anita and seconded by Gail. Lauren made a motion which was seconded by Joan to close the nominations.
Action: Peggy Ragan was unanimously elected to serve as Council Secretary for 2023.
- Treasurer: Anita Wooton was nominated by Peggy and seconded by Joan. Lauren made a motion which was seconded by ___ to close the nominations.
Action: Anita Wooton was unanimously elected to serve as Council Treasurer for 2023.

Standing Monthly Reports of Teams

- Finance Committee – New signors need to be approved for Synovus Bank Account.
Action: A motion was made by Gail and seconded by Mark to approve Scott Rice, Ann Greenwood and Anita Wooton as signors on the Synovus Bank Account; motion passed unanimously.
- Property Committee – A request was made for 2 budget approvals
 - Pye Barker Fire & Safety \$899.50
 - Southeast Roofing \$2,700.00
 Per FLC policy, these expenditures do not need Council approval since they are within the Property Committee's budget and there is no deficit on that budget line.

Pastor Eric's Report

- New members will be received on April 23rd, the second Sunday after Easter, at both services. Prior to that, there will be a special new member gathering/coffee hour on April 16th to meet and greet these individuals.
- Partnership opportunities with Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF) continue to be explored. LSF space usage on our campus continues to be a consideration.
- Food Pantry ministry with All Faiths Food Bank has begun on Thursdays. We had a soft opening on February 9th; this ministry will continue to grow as our site is added to the AFFB marketing program and the community learns about it.
- A Wednesday Senior Ministry Program continues to be explored. Pastor proposed a "pilot program" to be rolled out during the month of May to see how many people within the church and throughout the community would be interested. The Council supports this endeavor. Along with the many activities/ministries already in place, a "community lunch" would be part of the day's program. A volunteer "chef" has come forward from our congregation who would be responsible in making sure the lunch is well-planned, nutritious, and that adequate helpers are available each week. At the end of May there will be a break in order to evaluate this ministry. If successful, Senior Ministry would resume until fall. [During June and July FLC will host a summer youth leadership program under the direction of NovusWay, a Lutheran camps organization.]

New Business

- Meeting Day/Time for coming year
There was consensus among council members to change our monthly meetings to Wednesdays at 5:00pm. This change will take effect with the March 2023 meeting.

- Committee Structure – Council Involvement
Some committees need to be revamped/combined or split; and some new committees need to be formed. Ann and Pastor shared the importance of Council interaction with all the committees of the church. In March there will be an opportunity to learn more about each committee's activities and responsibilities. Be thinking about where your passion lies and with which committee(s) you may want to connect.
- CPR Training – Jim Millard is conducting a CPR training course at FLC on Saturday, February 25th. An online portion of the course should be completed prior to that training day.

Questions/Comments

- A 2023 Pledge update will be given at both services on February 26th. Pastor emphasized the importance of pledging as a part of our individual spiritual health.
- Peggy asked Council members to check emails and approve minutes in a timely manner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm by Ann Greenwood, outgoing President. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggy Ragan, Council Secretary