



Faith Lutheran Church Council 2022
Meeting Minutes - Revised
Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 5:30PM in Person/Zoom

Attendees: Pastor Eric Olsen, Ann Greenwood-President, Scott Rice-Vice President (Zoom), Peggy Ragan-Secretary, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre (Zoom), Joan Searles, Gail Lidinsky (Zoom), Sandy Brinker (Zoom), Anita Wooton (Zoom). Absent/Excused: Amanda Bright, Janet Petersen.

Mission -"Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others."
Values – Mutual Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness, Commitment
Perseverance, Faithfulness, Compassion, Flexibility

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Ann Greenwood, President.
Joan Searles opened the meeting with prayer.
Roll was taken and a quorum of Council Members was met.

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of June 16, 2022 were approved and posted to Friday Update.

STANDING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Committee – A committee report was provided to the Council by Janet Petersen. It was noted that our year-to-date loss is \$88,000 lower than projected due to higher than budgeted member giving and tighter control of expenses.

- Two requests for Council action were presented:

ACTION: Motion was made by Anita and seconded by Eloise to have funds in the school and church accounts be used to partially pay for the audit (since the audit is for both church and school) with a 50/50 split; passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion was made by Anita and seconded by Joan to make Ann Greenwood, Janet Petersen and Steve Ragan signors on the school bank account. (This is a change from previously approved action in order to better reflect the membership of the school board and council); passed unanimously.

Executive Session was called at 5:50pm with a motion made by Ann and seconded by Eloise; passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 6:05pm with a motion by Joan and second by Ann; passed unanimously.

Property Committee – A committee report was provided to Council by Mark Greenwood. Many projects are ongoing; there is much progress being made. The Council commended the great job this committee is doing.

- Renovation of narthex bathrooms will begin very soon
- Closets and storage areas are being cleaned/reorganized
- Dumpster and garbage collection is being monitored
- New A.C. contract with *Cool Today* is in place
- Bricks have been placed in Memorial Garden
- Sexton position is still in discussion/planning phase

Stewardship Committee – No report at this time

School Board – No report at this time

Worship and Music – Joan/Pastor reported that an offer is being made to fill the Organist/Music Director position.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Eric thanked everyone for the special birthday celebration on Sunday. He and his family will be traveling 7/26-8/4; Pastor Larry will be filling in on Sunday 7/31. There will be a guest organist; Hannah will be cantor; traditional liturgical setting will be used.

- Conversation with All Faiths Food Bank has begun in order to explore FLC as a food distribution site. There is a need for a lead volunteer(s) to help build this ministry. There is an annual fee for which grants are available to defray costs of the program.
- Conversation continues with Lutheran Services of Florida to partner in ministry with them.
- Pastor Eric is in discussion with a transitional housing ministry located in Bradenton which provides vocational training and job placement assistance -- perhaps another outreach ministry opportunity for FLC.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning meetings will take place in August to discuss developing a new Senior Ministry and reviving the Children/Youth/Family Ministry.
- Social Events – a proposed celebration of FLC buildings/space was discussed. Various ways to celebrate included tours of specific rooms, opportunity for fellowship, music/entertainment, wine/beverage/food, etc. More to come!
- Jazzercise – Pastor met with the Director who shared the group's interest in supporting FLC fundraising and other community events. Invoicing issues are being corrected. Insurance policy will be verified. A request for a daytime jazzercise class was made.

ACTION: Motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Anita to allow an additional jazzercise class on Fridays; passed unanimously.

- A request has been received to move the Karen Nagle Memorial Fund from FLC to a Thrivent account which was provided.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joan and seconded by Ann to move the monies in the Karen Nagle Memorial Fund account to the Thrivent account provided; passed unanimously.

- A request to act on a letter of resignation of church membership from Judith Ammerman:

ACTION: Motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Ann to regretfully accept Judith Ammerman's resignation from FLC membership; passed unanimously.

- An invoice was received from the offices of our SRQ attorney for "general services" that were provided to FLC with regard to FELC. A more detailed invoice/report is being requested so that it can be submitted to our insurance carrier for review.

- Prior to the meeting, a request for Council action was received via Email dated July 15, 2022:

ACTION: Motion was made by Eloise and seconded by Ann that J. David Tax Law be retained by Faith Lutheran Church at a cost of \$5,200 to remedy the longstanding problem between our former school director and the IRS. Motion passed unanimously via electronic vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm with The Lord's Prayer and singing of *Happy Birthday* to Ann.