



Faith Lutheran Church Council 2022 Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2022; 5:30pm in Person/Zoom

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

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Ann Greenwood, President.

Joan Searles opened with prayer.

A quorum of Council Members was met.

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of October 20, 2022 were approved and posted to Friday Update.

STANDING MONTHLY REPORTS

Finance Committee

There is no report at this time. Janet stated the committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 21st. The committee is scheduled to meet with a representative from Church Mutual to discuss coverage of legal fees.

Property Committee

Mark Greenwood provided a written report to Council. Pastor Eric shared other points of interest:

- The exterior church sign will be dismantled and the new sign will be installed in the next few days.
- Quotes for replacement or repair of sanctuary A.C. unit are being received. A new unit could cost around \$39,000; repair/coil replacement could be \$14,000+.
- There is a need to set up a method to address capital expenses/reserve funding for building maintenance. An example would be a "strategic planning team" to look at long range goals and needs.
- Sorting and cleaning of rooms throughout the facility continues with useful items being stored for future ministry.
- We are thankful for this active, invested ministry team.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee met on Thursday, November 17th at 1:30pm. Committee members include: Steve Ragan (Chair), Scott Rice, Mike Schell, Janet Petersen, Pr. Eric.

- A year-long comprehensive program is being planned.
- One of the goals of the committee is to help develop and support ministries within the church, encouraging involvement of as many people as possible.
- A focus on pledging will take place January 9-27 during Epiphany, the "season of gifts."

School Committee

Janet reported there are no committee meetings scheduled until January 2023; however, the ad-hoc committees are continuing their work on assigned tasks.

Worship and Music Committee

- Installation of David Patrick and Tom Tryon will take place at the 10:15am service on December 11th with a lunch reception following.
- Council commented on the beautiful music which complements the worship experience.
- Worship attendance continues to increase.
- Other items of discussion:
 - placement of the Advent wreath
 - adding Acolytes to service

Endowment Committee

Ann Greenwood provided a written report to Council. Jeff Olesen has resigned from the committee. Marlene Radesk and Rev. John Spittel have agreed to serve on this committee.

ACTION: A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Ann to accept new members Marlene Radesk and Rev. John Spittel to the Endowment Committee; motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Eric continues his work as Coordinator of Chaplains for ELCA's Hurricane Disaster Relief ministry. The first Chaplain (from NC) will begin serving at a Cape Coral church. This ministry is expected to continue for several months.
- Confirmation classes have moved to Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm. This will be a "Biblical Year of Study" with various books of the Bible being highlighted. A crucifer schedule has been set up.
- Decorating the sanctuary for Advent will take place after the last service on November 20th; pizza lunch will be provided.
- Tuesday, November 29th from 3:00-6:30pm a group of volunteers from FLC will assist St. Paul Lutheran in serving dinner to 80-100 homeless/food challenged individuals. This will give us an opportunity to see the process involved in feeding the hungry in our community. If possible, St. Paul's would like an FLC team to take responsibility for preparing and serving these meals on the 5th Tuesdays throughout the calendar year.
- Advent services will take place at 11:00am on Wednesdays (November 30th, December 7th and 14th), culminating with caroling on Wednesday December 21st beginning at 10:00am.
- A new member welcome tea was held on November 16th. 8 potential new members and 8 members of FLC attended. It was a special time for visitors to get to know one another and ask questions about our church. New members will be affirmed on December 4th at the 10:15am service.
- Lutheran Services of Florida continues to collaborate with FLC, including resettling of the Afghan family and potential use of our facility for Ukrainian assimilation in our community (health screening, social gathering space).
- Updating of FLC membership and visitation lists continues. Pastoral home visits are ongoing and increasing.
- Pastor ended his report by saying how proud he is of the FLC family and the strides in growth and ministry we are making together.

NEW BUSINESS

- Christmas Appreciation gifts

[Closed Session: It was moved by Ann and seconded by Eloise to move into closed session. At the end of the discussion, it was moved by Ann and seconded by Eloise to end the closed session; passed unanimously.]

- November 19-20, 2022: Bishop Pedro Suarez will be visiting our church, preaching at both services on Sunday.
- December 4, 2022: A Hurricane Ian Relief Fundraiser will take place in FLC's Community Ctr. at 4:00pm (doors open at 3:00pm). It will include music by legendary singer/songwriter Karlus Trapp and a comedy relief performance by Al Ernst. A free will offering will take place; there will be a raffle of gift baskets to raise additional funds. Light refreshments/beverages will be served. Cate is distributing flyers to other churches and the community. [Flyer attached.]
- December 6, 2022: Council Christmas party for members and spouses at Stoneybrook County Club, 5:30pm.
- The Nominating Committee continues its work to present a great slate of candidates to the congregation at the annual meeting. There are 4 open Council positions.
- Save the Date: February 5, 2023 – FLC Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Anita asked for authorization to act on behalf of FLC to submit a FEMA claim.

ACTION: A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Eloise to authorize Anita to prepare and submit a FEMA claim on behalf of FLC; passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by Ann Greenwood, President
The Council closed by reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggy Ragan, Council Secretary