

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2020

1. Welcome - - Call to order 1:03 pm; Attending: Larry Patterson, Pastor Rusty, Pastor Sarah, Vicar Nick, Ray Kimbrell, Cynthia Murphy, Ransom Alexander, Bruce Turner, Sinikka Marten, Gene Davenport and Richard Hinojosa; Absent - None
2. Devotion: Ray Kimbrell: Change and Anxiety Deuteronomy 31:8
3. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - Council meeting - - January 21, 2019 Motion to approve previous minutes by Ransom Alexander, Ray Kimbrell seconded; **Motion Passed.**
4. Receive reports with discussion as warranted on regular agenda items:
 - Finance and / or Treasurer's Report(s)
 - i. Receive January 31, 2020 FLC / FLDS consolidated reports; **Council Treasurer – Gene Davenport:** We are trending positive, the expenses of January were understandably high and giving was level so overall it was a positive month. Pastor Rusty discussed general giving this year and that the combination of the FLDS with FLC accounting should stabilize the overall budget process.
 - ii. Update status of Audit Team's review of past financial records not ready until next month March. Motion to accept the financial report by Ray Kimbrough and seconded by Cynthia Murphy, the **Motion Passed.**
 - Update: Pastoral activities highlights / informational items :
 - i. Comments from Pastor Sarah & Vicar Nick: Pastor Sarah noted a neighboring event with another church for the women's brunch which will occur on Saturday, March 7, Holden Trip (8 young adults are going) commitment to follow through with goals, Recruiting associates for the Lebanon trip, Conference with outreach program for meal packing on September 13-14. Pastor Sarah also noted that she was researching grant writing to assist to offset some of the costs. Vicar Nick gave a brief update on weekly activities of God squad and most recent activities at Briarwood and also described a new young adult group that will be meeting at Brass Tap.
 - ii. Pastor Rusty's Report: Working out issues with MIF on refinancing the loan after sale of half of the surplus property adjacent to the Church. Negotiations have gone back and forth over the last couple weeks, we expect a proposal for Council consideration at the next Council meeting. Pastor Rusty and Vicar Nick attended a conference for Interns in Austin last week. Pastor Rusty and Pastor Sarah have been attending the small group meetings to share the conceptual ideas of the 20/20 Strategic Vision.
 - iii. Other Items of Interest: ELCA task force has reached out to Pastor Rusty to discuss best practices for the on-line ministry. The FLC staff is working to develop a more interactive on-line experience for live streaming participants.
5. **MIF Loan Status & Options:** Consider approval in principle to restructure the mortgage with MIF and authorize the Executive Team to execute the agreement upon receipt of acceptable terms and conditions consistent with the Faith Lutheran Church Ministry Plan. – Discuss and take appropriate action; – Pastor Rusty and Larry Patterson discussed that MIF will be responding to FLC request for refinancing / restructuring of the existing loan. We would like to

include closing cost in the restructuring of the loan and are seeking the payment to be \$7,500 per month. It was recommended that once MIF responded that the executive team would execute the agreement. Motion to approve this was issued by Ransom Alexander and seconded by Cynthia Murphy, **Motion Passed.**

6. Update: Overview of Strategic Plan Presentations to Small Groups – **Pastor Rusty**
 - Council Members (Review Council Assignments); Discuss and take appropriate action. Council discussed the dates and items / topics discussed at previous meetings. All meetings will be finalized by March 27.
7. Review Instructions sent to Congregation Council Nominating Committee (New Council Members) FY 20-22; Discuss and take appropriate action. The council should be considering individuals for future positions.
8. Consider Leasing of Soccer Field (2-year duration); Discuss and take appropriate action. We reviewed the lease request by the FC Legends soccer team for the lease of the soccer field. Larry Patterson offered to find a good lease to review with counsel and then submit to the team for review and signature. **Motion was presented by Richard Hinojosa and seconded by Ray Kimbrell, the motion passed.**
9. Listing // Items for inclusion / discussion at future meetings
 - Holden Village Mission Trip
 - Standing Committee Appointments
 - Congregation Meeting & Commitment Process
 - Congregation Survey (evaluation of response – path forward)
 - Mission Partner checking and Name Tags suggestion
 - Campus “Clean-up Day” and general facility maintenance
10. Future Meetings:
 - March 22, 2020 – Council Meeting (Sunday) – 1:00 pm
11. New: Business:
12. Adjournment - - 2:40 pm