

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting
June 22, 2021

Room 200 – LTTMC and via GoToMeeting (optional)

1. **Welcome** - - Call to order 5:36pm – Present: President Larry Patterson, Pastor Rusty, Pastor Nick, Ransom Alexander, Aaron Murphy, Laurie Stokes-Bell, Sinikka Marten, Kaylee Anderson and Bruce Turner. New council members Kim Armstrong and Sandra Uszler were introduced and monitored the meeting. Absent Ray Kimbrell
2. **Devotion:** Larry Patterson “The right time” John 7:6
3. **Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)**
 - Council meeting - - May 16, 2021
 - Annual Congregational Meeting - - May 23, 2021Motion to approve these meeting minutes by Bruce Turner and seconded by Sinikka Marten; **MOTION PASSED**
4. **Receive reports with discussion as warranted on regular agenda items:**
 - Finance and / or Treasurer’s Report(s) – FLC / FLDS Consolidated
 - i. Receive May 2021 reports; **Council Treasurer – Aaron Murphy**
Aaron Murphy provided an updated on June 2021 financial report, discussed eleven items concerning the report and noted that overall finances were steady. Motion to approve financials by Ransom Alexander seconded by Sinikka Marten; **MOTION PASSED.**
 - ii. Update on Cares Act - - PPP No. 1 - - loan forgiveness; Staff has provided the documentation requested; the final decision regarding forgiveness is pending
 - iii. Audit Team’s submission of past financial records review – acceptance pending
There was one question still open, but should be finalized soon. We are getting ready to start the next year’s audit.
 - Pastoral Updates: Activities/Highlights & Informational items; Pastors Rusty & Nick
 - i. Highlights from VBS
 - ii. Other Youth & Family Activities Report
 - iii. Overview / general update on other items of interest
Pastor Nick reported that 61 kids (formed into seven groups) attended Vacation Bible School. Also, he noted that three new families attended the following Sunday worship who had children participating in Faith’s VBS. The next VBS is scheduled for July 19 - 23rd. Pastor Nick said the ELCA youth gathering is scheduled for July 2022 “Boundless” which will be in Minneapolis, MN. Discussed the upcoming confirmation class that will be conducted over the next over two years. Ms. Yajaira Morales-Adamo is currently conducting music camp the week of June 21 – 25. Finally, it was reported that the extended day care program is underway this summer and growing.

5. **Update:** MIF Loan Restructuring Proposal; Discussion only. - - **Pastor Rusty & Aaron Murphy**
The Executive Council team is reviewing the recently received MIF application for approval based on terms and conditions discussed and presented during the May congregational meeting. Execution of the loan documents should be accomplished prior to the next Council meeting.
6. **Consider recommendations regarding church staffing requirements.** Discuss and take appropriate action. - - **Pastor Rusty**
Pastor Rusty reported that now Faith is moving out of the COVID Pandemic operational mode that it is time for the Council to consider hiring a staff member to fill the Mission Partner connection that Pia Owen held; also there is a need to here and office coordinator / receptionist.

With regard to FLDS, Director Ann's office assistant position will soon become vacant and it has been determined that the FLDS could benefit from creating a new position with a the combined role of assistant Day School director / office coordinator. This person would be able to support and assist both the school and the church office. Motion to these Staffing adjustments was made by Ransom Alexander and seconded by Aaron Murphy; **MOTION PASSED.**

7. **Update:** Highland Pointe Veterinarian Clinic construction status / Release of Escrow funds for utility installation. Discuss and take appropriate action. - - **Larry**
Larry Patterson stated that after the meeting with the owner of the clinic and reviewing supplemental information related to the utility construction, it was agreed that all conditions for release of the \$49,300 in escrow had been met. Motion to authorize release of the utility escrow funds was made by Bruce Turner seconded by Aaron Murphy; **MOTION PASSED.**
8. **Update:** Church Campus Security Improvements Grant – (Office of the Governor) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - - continue implementation and modifications discussion as necessary - - take appropriate action - - **Bruce and Ransom**
The grant from FEMA is still under review. Once the modifications have been approved staff will contact subcontractors to get the project underway. The Council will be kept informed.
9. **Update:** on Compliance Letter received from Town of Flower Mound related to use of Excess Property leased to Soccer Club; Discuss and take appropriate action. - - **Bruce Turner**
Bruce Turner updated the group that the Town's requirements for lighting and fencing are rather stringent. In the meantime, all fencing and lights have been removed in accordance with the directive from the Town's code enforcement division. A future lighting plan is being developed for consideration by the soccer team. This will be submitted to the council for approval prior to any submission to the Town of Flower Mound.

10. **Potential Listing // Items for inclusion / discussion at future meetings**

- Standing Committee Appointments (complete in conjunction with new Congregation Council installation)
- Re-establish vision for Commitment Team's activities - - additional member appointments
- Research and Acquire new / replacement sanctuary furnishings.
- Congregation Survey (held in abeyance - - pending development of path forward)

11. **Future Meeting(s):**

- July 18, 2021 - Council Meeting - - 1:00 pm
- Council Member Installation - - August 8, 2021 (Tentative)
- August – December 2021 meetings - - TBD
- Council Retreat - - TBD

12. New: Business:

Consideration of coffee/cookies – will reinstate July 4, 2021

In house communion options- will reinstate the Pastoral serving option on July 4, 2021.

Pastor Nick mentioned that the most recent offering donated \$1,900 to Kyle's place and there is a group function at Kyle's place on July 24 at 9am - - selected members of Faith Lutheran or invited to participate.

In Person Legacy giving (coordinated by the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest) initiative review / discussion are now available to Congregation Council members and can be coordinated by Morgan Schmidlin. All Council members were encouraged to consider meeting with Morgan.

13. Adjournment - - 7:08 pm