

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

July 25, 2022

Present

Bill Alrich (President), Gary Nelson (Secretary), Tim Hohulin (Treasurer),
Sandy Becker Stewardship), Retta Hennessy (Pre-School), Jen Bair (Service)
Tammy Daugherty (Communications), Mark Pedersen (Property),
Deb Twaddle (Worship), Senior Pastor Shelly Satran

Excused

Pr. Joe Yucha
Kelly and Joe Parratore

Guests

None

Opening Devotions and Prayer

- Gary

Call to Order

- Meeting, held via Zoom. Called to order by President Bill Alrich at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held on June 13, 2022. (Gary/Sandy) **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

- **MOTION** To accept the reports of the Faith ministries and staff. (Deb/Tammy) **Carried.**

Financial Report

Tim reported:

- Regular envelopes were \$3.8k under budget and \$6.8k below prior year.
- YTD regular envelopes were under budget by \$31.4k, but above prior year by \$15.5k.
- Net income YTD was \$6.3k which is slightly below budget by \$1.6k. The shortfall in revenue has been offset by lower expenses primarily driven by lower maintenance and repair, lower benefits, lower church operations, and lower insurance (due to transition to new policy).
- 5-year trend looks positive as typically at a loss through June.

Old Business

Building Maintenance

- I. New Flooring: Pastor Shelly reported that the Sanctuary and Balcony flooring is scheduled for installation starting August 15. Worship will be conducted outside for at least 2 weeks.
- II. Rainbow Place Water Leakage: Mark reported that Perma Seal will be contracted to seal the area where the water leakage is apparently emanating. There are surplus funds available from the parking lot and concrete allocations.
- III. New Garden: Retta is seeking a grant to install an Intergenerational Path and Garden which would involve a collaboration of FLY, ESSE, Rainbow Place, and the Sunday School to enhance hospitality. There is a \$250 grant available from Thrivent.
- IV. Associate Pastor Search Committee: Chris Bettin will Chair the Search Committee composed of a cross section of the membership. Accepting the call to serve on the committee are Bob Hawkinson, Jack Bair, Paula Ortman, Kathy Dibadj, Dave Jenz, and Kristin Schwallie. **Motion** to approve slate of candidates (Tim/Deb) **Carried**.

New Business

Rainbow Place

- Retta reported that enrollment has increased. She is also looking to add an increased visual presence in the gathering place and other entry areas to promote the school.
- Rainbow Place joined the Chamber of Commerce.
- Other suggestions included a Temple Talk prior to the enrollment period, opportunities to meet the Teachers, and updating the website currently in progress.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor

- Pastor Wende will start the first week of August. She will attend council meetings as needed.

Associate Pastor

- Pastor Joe is on the Mission Trip.

Next Executive Council Meeting – September 6, 2022

Next Council Meeting— September 12, 2022

Closing Prayer

- Gary

Adjournment

- Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Nelson, Secretary