

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
October 11, 2021

Present

Bill Alrich (President), Chris Bettin (Secretary), Tim Hohulin (Treasurer), Sandy Becker (Stewardship), Tammy Daugherty (Communications), Phil Hartweg (Safety), Joe Parratore (Faith Formation), Mark Pedersen (Property), Debbie Rohla (Service), Deb Twaddle (Worship), Pr. Shelly Satran, Pr. Joe Yucha

Excused

Kelly Parratore (Faith Formation)

Call to Order

- The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order by President Bill Alrich at 7:04 p.m.

Opening Devotions and Prayer

- President Alrich

Approval of Minutes

- **MOTION** (Debbie R./Deb T.): To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held on September 13, 2021, with one correction. (Carried)

Consent Agenda

- **MOTION** (Tim/Phil): To accept the reports of the Faith ministries and staff. (Carried)

Financial Report

- Treasurer Tim Hohulin reported that September regular envelope giving was down \$2,500 vs. budget but above prior year giving by \$4,400. Year-to-date regular envelope giving was above the prior year by \$21,900 but still \$20,000 below budget.
- Total revenue is \$33,000 below budget year to date due to lower special envelope giving. Net (loss) year to date is only \$1,100 and only \$2,900 below budget.
- The Rainbow fund balance through September is \$18,200 vs. \$25,400 at the end of August.
- The salary and benefits budget lines have been positively impacted due to Todd Carrico's retirement.
- Maintenance is \$2,200 over budget due to A/C repair work and the purchase of a new hot water heater.
- Since the beginning of 2021, the cash balance is down \$200,000.

Old Business

Worship Update

- Pr. Shelly Satran reported that plans are to continue having the 8:30 a.m. service outdoors for as long as the weather holds (hopefully through October).
- As the search for a new Director of Music Ministry continues, the interim music plan is ongoing thanks to the dedicated service and talents of Tom Pfaff, Phil Spencer, the Johannesen family, Nancy Crawford, and others.

Building Maintenance

- Mark Pedersen (Property) reported that the completed work on the flat roof passed inspection. A walk path will be added to the flat roof outside the F.L.Y. room window.
- The Village of Glen Ellyn has determined that insulation does *not* need to be added under the shingle roof and therefore a permit has been issued for work to commence. However, insulation *does* need to be added to various parts of the building at an approximate cost of \$12,000 which will be covered by Church Mutual insurance.
- Discussion continued on whether to purchase a maintenance plan for the roof at a cost of \$600 per year. Such an agreement would extend the warranty on the roof from 20 to 25 years, include an annual inspection, and cover some minor repairs; however, major repairs would not be covered under the plan.
- The Council thanked Mark for his diligent efforts to ensure the best possible outcome for the roofing project.
- Regarding Faith's complex air conditioning system which involves numerous units situated throughout the building and on the flat roof, many of which are nearing their life expectancy, Mark and Office Administrator Eric Enskat continue gathering information on repairs vs. replacement for the Council's consideration. More than \$7,000 in repairs to the A/C system has been paid year to date.

55 N. Park

- President Alrich and Pr. Joe Yucha reported that the construction permit for 55 N. Park has finally been attained and work is under way gutting the interior of the building.

Rainbow Place

- Pr. Joe reported that two students were added, bringing the total enrollment at the preschool to 40.
- The "40 for 40" fundraiser celebrating Rainbow's 40th anniversary will kick off after the Rainbow Board's October meeting.
- Going forward, the Council liaison to the Board (currently Joe Parratore, Faith Formation) will attach Board minutes to his Council report each month.

Reconciling in Christ Initiative

- Pr. Joe reported that discussion will take place on Faith's existing vision and mission statements and on a new welcome statement during Adult Forum on October 17 and 24. These discussions will help inform the work on the welcome statement.
- Discussion on this initiative will continue during the Council's November meeting.

New Business

Church Mutual Insurance

- President Alrich informed the Council that Church Mutual is cancelling Faith's policy due to the allegedly high number of claims made by Faith over time. The effective date of cancellation is November 12, 2021.
- Quotes are being obtained from alternative insurance companies to replace Church Mutual.
- It was noted that Church Mutual dropped Faith one other time before eventually renewing Faith's policy.

In Memory of Scott Bromann

- **MOTION** (Sandy/Debbie R.): With gratitude, respect, joy, and sadness, the Congregation Council remembers Scott Bromann for his many years of unwavering service to Faith Church as a Council member, committee member, ambassador, usher, and in so many other roles. Scott, we miss seeing you every Sunday, dapper in your suit, sheaf of bulletins in hand, the welcoming warmth of your greeting a highlight of our morning. Thank you for your enduring example of grace, humility, encouragement, dignity, compassion, and faith in action. Rest in peace, dear friend. (Carried)

Closing Prayer

- President Alrich

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Chris Bettin, Secretary