

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

August 11, 2020

**Present**

Beth Sekera (President), Chris Bettin (Secretary), Jim Hall (Treasurer), Sandy Becker (Stewardship), Tammy Daugherty (Communications), Phil Hartweg (Safety), Mark Pedersen (Property), Debbie Rohla (Service), Deb Twaddle (Worship), Pr. Shelly Satran, Pr. Joe Yucha

**Excused**

Chris and Rachel Sorce (Faith Formation)

**Guest**

Paula Serfling Nugent (Glen Ellyn Food Pantry)

**Call to Order**

- The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order by President Beth Sekera at 7:12 p.m.

**Opening Devotions and Prayer**

- Sandy Becker

**Council Check-in**

- All Council members reported that they and their families are doing well and staying safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Approval of Minutes**

- **MOTION** (Sandy/Phil): To approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020, Church Council meeting. (Carried)

**Consent Agenda**

- **MOTION** (Jim/Debbie R.): To accept the reports of the Faith Ministries and staff. (Carried)

**Financial Report**

- Treasurer Jim Hall reported that July was another good month financially. Regular envelope giving was ahead for the month, although plate offerings were down “for obvious reasons.”
- The budget was in the black for July, which Jim described as “unusual.”
- He noted that Worship and Music had zero expenditures in July.

**Old Business**

***Building Projects Update***

- Phil Hartweg presented an update on working with the Village of Glen Ellyn on the Faith property consolidation. Faith has been notified by the village that one of two evals has been completed and the other is under way.
- Phil also reported on the pending construction projects for the church building, noting that the process of obtaining permits to commence with the work has hit a few snags. First, key individuals essential to the permit process have been on vacation, setting the construction projects back at least a week. Second, Phil received a “laundry list” of potential building code changes from the village’s consultants, who for the first time suggested that the church building might have a ventilation problem. Phil said that when Faith’s own consultant returns from vacation, they will review the list to determine which of the recommended code changes are legitimate.
- The contractors are nonetheless continuing with their preliminary work while the wait for permits continues. However, doors will not be ordered until permits are obtained.
- Both Phil and Mark Pedersen told the Council they give high marks to contractor RB from Villa Park for the company’s efforts.
- Mark updated the Council on the latest concerns over retention-pond safety. Several older kids had recently climbed the new fence and accessed the pond, prompting the question of whether the fence gate should be locked to prevent younger kids from gaining access. Deb Twaddle will ask Faith’s insurance agent to assess the gate and fence to make sure Faith is doing all it can to ensure the safety of the retention pond.

### ***Glen Ellyn Food Pantry***

- Guest Paula Serfling Nugent joined the meeting on behalf of the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry (GEFP). She had sent architectural renderings to Phil and Jim, as well as general construction information and sample bricks, siding and light fixtures to Phil. The Council members reviewed these items via email and the consensus was that everything looked good.
- Paula informed the Council that she is waiting for village approval to host a musical concert at Faith as a fundraiser for the GEFP. The proposed concert date is Oct. 9.
- The Council discussed plans for relocating the Faith gardens and butterfly bushes to accommodate the GEFP driveway and parking lot, as well as the potential relocation of Faith’s garbage dumpsters.
- President Sekera will contact Paula with any outstanding questions from Council.

### ***Church Reopening, Resumption of Services***

- Pr. Shelly Satran told Council there was nothing new to report. Currently the church is in a “good holding pattern” regarding outdoor and indoor services. She said no members have asked about moving services back indoors or hosting group gatherings in the building.
- At this time, if the pandemic stays the same or gets worse, once the weather turns cold Faith will likely resume online services. If the pandemic improves, it is possible services could move indoors.

- Pr. Shelly reported that Rainbow Place has had one summer session and is surveying their families and interested families to help frame their plans for the fall.
- Likewise, ESSE is working on plans for some type of reopening, although exactly what that would look like has yet to be determined. Pr. Shelly noted that plans are required to obtain approval for reopening. To that end, ESSE has sought guidance from the Council on Aging.
- Pr. Shelly also reported that the pastors and staff are envisioning how Sunday School, Faith Formation, and other programs will look in the fall. Everything is taking on different forms, but the programs will indeed take place.
- The May 2020 confirmation class will be confirmed after the late service on August 23.

### **New Business**

#### ***Lenore Klausner***

- Worship Team Leader Deb Twaddle informed the Council that Lenore Klausner, who has served for a length of time as co-chair of the Altar Guild, is stepping down from her role. She will, however, continue to serve as part of the Altar Guild team every fifth Sunday.
- The Council would like to thank Lenore for her generous service as co-chair of the Altar Guild, and for all she does on behalf of the members of Faith and to the glory of God.

### **Announcements and Reminders**

- The next meeting of the Exec Council will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, via Zoom.
- The next meeting of the Church Council will be Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, via Zoom.

### **Closing Prayer**

- Sandy

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Chris Bettin, Secretary