

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 20, 2023

Present

Jim Hall (President), Tim Hohulin (Treasurer), Sandy Becker Stewardship), Retta Hennessy (Pre-School), Jen Bair (Service), Joe/Kelly Parratore (Faith Formation), Beth Sells (Communications), Mark Pedersen (Property), Karen Finerty (Worship), Senior Pastor Shelly Satran, Gary Nelson (Secretary)

Absent

Excused

Guests

Pastor Julie Petersen
Paula Ortman

Opening Devotions and Prayer

- Gary

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Jim Hall at 7:02pm
- Jim solicited the sharing of blessings for the past month.
 - Jim highlighted the great work done on the skylights and the success of the FLY program under Kayla.

Call to Pastor Julie Peterson to serve as Associate Pastor

- Introductions: Paula Ortman introduced Pastor Julie including the extensive process to “Not Settle” ensuring the best possible candidate. Pastor Julie came with glowing references. She served as the only Pastor at her previous church. We had the opportunity to meet Julie, introduce ourselves and ask her questions.
- **Call Motion to Recommend.** Julie left the meeting and we voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to recommend that the Congregation extend a call for Pastor Julie Petersen to serve as Associate Pastor. (Gary/Beth) **Carried**
- Next Steps. Discussed details for the Special Meeting of the Congregation on June 29, 2023, including appointment of Tellers (Tim & Beth).

Approval of Minutes

- **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held on May 16, 2023 (Sandy/Joe) **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

Tim commented on the great job Jane Schwartz is doing.

- Regular envelopes down \$9.1k from budget and down \$10.5k from prior year.
- YTD regular envelopes \$32.8k below budget, but above prior YTD period by \$18.1k.
- Benevolence higher than budget due to annual DuPage United dues.

- Operations higher than budget due to a bulk postage purchase.
- Net income year to date is flat compared to prior year.

Old Business

- Kitchen: **Motion** to approve remodeling not to exceed \$35K with funding to come from the Memorial Fund. (Jen/Jim) **Carried**
- Flooring: **Motion** to approve \$45K for replacing carpeting in designated areas with funding to come from the following Dedicated Accounts (75th Anniversary, Carpet Floor, Building Update Rehab) and the balance from the Capital Maintenance Fund. (Sandy/Retta) **Carried.**

New Business

- a. July Meeting: Social at the home of Gary & Gayle Nelson.
- b. Benevolence Ideas: Bring ideas to the August meeting.

Staff Reports

Rainbow Place-Retta

Board approved new budget in June to be voted on in August.

Closing Prayer

Gary

Adjournment

- Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Nelson, Secretary