

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Special Called Congregation Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2015
9:45 a.m.

FLC Vision: *Every generation experiencing the freedom of Christ.*

FLC Mission: *We faithfully honor Jesus by developing disciples to reach others with the light of God's hope and love.*

Call to order

President Austin Adams called the meeting to order at 9:56.

Quorum confirmed

Opening Prayer – President Austin Adams

Agenda confirmed and accepted

The only item on the agenda is to consider and approve listing the 3.5 acres for sale.

Rules of Order

Austin explained the temporary rules of order for the two session meeting. First session will recess then be called back to order after the 10:30 service. Quorum is also required. Ballots will be counted after the second session. There was no objection to this format.

Discussion/Q & A

Our two main goals are to create a culture of discipleship and achieve financial stability. The debt is our hurdle in expanding ministry. The staff reviewed the ministry plan for possible cutbacks and were able to save by cutting maintenance and printing costs. There was an increase in giving this summer, an improvement over 2014. We still have work to do and concerns were raised that we are not giving at the level of our potential.

The council unanimously recommends selling the 3.5 acres as our next step in achieving our goals. Now is a good time to sell and there are no future plans for the property. We can expand our worship space in the future if needed. The Day School does not have a vision for using the land. We expect to sell the property for approximately \$1.5 million. It would be directly applied to the MIF mortgage, they approve and accept our plan. This would free up to \$15 - \$17K monthly to expand ministry.

Meeting recessed at 10:22 and reconvened at 11:37.

Quorum is met and temporary rules of order are explained and accepted.

Continued Discussion /Q & A

Sale considerations include the ability to expand on our 4.5 acres if needed and a condition of the sale would include parking with a permanent deed restriction. We will have a say in the type of business which will be affected by the city zoning laws. The drainage/run-off issue with the previous contract was addressed. There were also some concerns about becoming land-locked and not having room for future growth.

Sale of the property would allow us to reduce the monthly mortgage payment to \$6K – 8.5K for the next 7+ years. This would release 15K a month toward an associate pastor and another part-time staff member. We need to reflect on living into our existing ministry plan and support our staffing needs.

Motion

Move to direct the Council to continue its efforts to explore options for the best use of the 3.5+/- acres immediately north of the church parking lot. Additionally, this motion specifically directs that seeking a sale of the property be actively pursued; however, the motion does not authorize the closing of any such transaction without a separate congregational vote as outlined in the church constitution. Motion carried 136-12.

Closing Prayer - Pastor Jon Bustard.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08.