

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2021

Room 200 – LTTMC and via GoToMeeting (optional)

1. Welcome - - Call to order 1:05pm- President Larry Patterson, Pastor Rusty, Aaron Murphy, Ray Kimbrell, Ransom Alexander, Sinikka Marten, Kaylee Anderson and Bruce Turner, Absent Pastor Nick, and Laurie Stokes-Bell
2. Devotion: Ransom Alexander: The good and beautiful life
3. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - Council meeting - - April 11, 2021
Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Sinikka Marten seconded by Aaron Murphy
Motion Passed
4. Receive reports with discussion as warranted on regular agenda items:
 - Finance and / or Treasurer’s Report(s) – FLC / FLDS Consolidated
 - i. Receive April 2021 reports: **Council Treasurer – Aaron Murphy**
Aaron Murphy updated May 2021 financial report. Discussed items one through six. Overall finances were positive. Finance Team meeting looking at FLDS and activities lined up for the summer to maintain improving financial pace. **Motion to approve financials** by Ransom Alexander seconded by Ray Kimbrell - - **Motion Passed.**
 - ii. Update on Cares Act - - PPP No. 1 - - loan forgiveness. Additional documentation was requested and provided for loan forgiveness, review on-going.
 - iii. Audit Team’s submission of past financial records review – acceptance pending.
 - Pastoral Updates: Activities/Highlights & Informational items; Pastor Rusty
 - iv. Highlights from recent Pastoral Conference
Pastor Rusty discussed a recent ELCA conference that he attended which featured guest speaker Dr. David Anderson who spoke of the “Seven Principles of Being Gracist”. Pastor Rusty was asked by the Bishop to consider participating on a travel team series to present information about Faith’s experience developing live-streaming and dealing with the after effect of COVID. The council supports this in concept, but would like Pastor Rusty to obtain more information on time commitment, travel and cost etc.
 - v. Youth & Family Activities Report
The staff is working to fully restart Faith Kids for both services. This could be as early as June 6. The church is still attempting to filling the staff outreach and communications position that Pia had held.
 - vi. Overview / general update on other items of interest: Nothing additional

5. Consider MIF Loan Restructuring Proposal; Discuss and take appropriate action. - - **Pastor Rusty & Aaron Murphy**

It was reported that Faith has been paying interest only on its debt this year and have been working with MIF as well as an outside lender to develop refinancing or loan restructuring options. MIF returned with an offer of a 15 year loan at 3.875% for the Council to consider and present to the Congregation at its upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting set for May 23, 2021. **Motion (By Ransom Alexander) to accept the MIF loan proposal and include it in the FY 2021-22 Ministry Plan Budget to be presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting** seconded by Sinnika Marten. **Motion Passed.**

6. Discuss possible contribution to the FLDS Endowment Fund and take appropriate action. - - **Larry and Aaron Murphy**

Following a discussion regarding the FLDS Endowment Fund and the ability of the Church to support its program and at what level a motion was presented. Motion by Sinnika Marten to provide a contribution of \$1,000 per quarter for a year begin in the 4th quarter FY 20-21 Budget year and then re-evaluate the potential commitment for future support. Motion was seconded by Ransom Alexande; **Motion Passed**

7. **Update:** Church Campus Security Improvements Grant – (Office of the Governor) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - - discuss implementation and modifications as necessary - - take appropriate action - - **Bruce and Ransom**

Ransom Alexander is to provide documentation to Kari Voight for submission to the grants administer.

8. Review Compliance Letter received from Town of Flower Mound related to use of Excess Property leased to Soccer Club; Discuss and take appropriate action. - - **Bruce Turner**

Bruce Turner described the letter received from the Town of Flower Mound regarding two violations by the lease of the church property used for a soccer practice field. One being lighting the other being the netted fence. Bruce Turner will be in conversation with the Town of Flower Mound and will report the outcome at the next council meeting.

9. Consider approval of Congregation Council Nominating Committee Recommendations for (New Council members for 2021 - 23 terms); Discussion - - take appropriate action - - **ALL**
Council approved the recommendations by the nominating committee for council nominees. Motion to accept by Aaron Murphy seconded by Ray Kimbrell; **Motion Passed.**

10. Consider approval of the proposed FY 2021-22 Ministry Plan Budget; Discuss and take appropriate action - - **ALL**

Council accepted the proposed budget for the ministry plan which included the MIF loan restricting proposal and directed staff to prepare the information for submission to the congregation at the scheduled Annual meeting. **Motion to accept the proposed budget** by Ray Kimbrell seconded by Ransom Alexande; **Motion Passed**

11. Review draft Annual Congregational Meeting presentation; Discuss and take appropriate action
-- ALL

Discussion of presentation was reviewed in detail no substantial changes proposed. Larry Patterson will prepare a final copy and distribute to Council before the meeting. The presentation to the Congregation will be as handouts and power point presentation. The meeting will be live-streamed to those mission partners unable to attend. However, only those present will be able to vote.

12. Potential Listing // Items for inclusion / discussion at future meetings

- Standing Committee Appointments (complete prior to installing new Congregation Council)
- Congregation Survey (held in abeyance - - pending development of path forward)
- Re-establish vision for Commitment Team's activities - - additional member appointments
- Research and Acquire new / replacement sanctuary furnishings.

13. Future Meeting(s):

- May 23, 2021 - Annual Congregational Meeting (12:15 pm target start)
- June 13, 2021 - Council Meeting – 1:00 pm
- July 11, 2021 - Council Meeting – 1:00 pm

14. New: Business:

Discussion of coffee bar and return to live distribution of communion, Discussion TBD

15. Adjournment - - 3:15pm