

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2018**  
**3:00 PM**

**FLC Vision:** Developing Relationships ... That Matter!

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

Call to order at 3:08. Welcoming guest Brian Weaver to attend later, all members in attendance: President Larry Patterson, Pastor Rusty, Treasurer Gene Davenport, Secretary Bruce Turner, Vice President Anna Geleske, Richard Hinojosa, Sinikka Marten, Maury Tiller and Cynthia Murphy.

- 1) Devotion – Gene gave the devotional on Lamentations 3:21-26
- 2) Approve minutes from previous meeting(s):
  - Regular meeting minutes - Jan. 16, 2018
  - Congregation Meeting - Jan. 21, 2018
  - Special meeting minutes - Feb. 4, 2018 meeting minutes were being reviewed.  
Motion to approve meeting minutes of an Jan. 16 and 21st, by Gene, Bruce Second, unanimously approved.
- 3) Receive reports with discussion as warranted on regular agenda items:
  - Finance Report and / or Treasurer's Report (Preliminary)
    - i. Receive Jan. 31, 2018 report Gene Davenport and noted that giving was down \$21,246 below the current ministry plan. Sinikka asked if wouldn't be prudent to somehow let the congregation know this. It was decided to define the core group and discuss sustainability with them rather than a monthly update to congregation.
  - Pastor's Report
    - i. Technology used to contact Mission Partners (demo). This will be demonstrated/discussed at the next meeting. It will show how we will push text and it will launch in March.
    - ii. Update – Seminary Intern selection - Inform congregation that we are acting on decision to interview Jeff Ogonowski which occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Follow up discussion will be held with Dr. Marshall after the visit. Pastor Rusty will advise on how things are proceeding.
    - iii. Facility Security Evaluation & Recommendations  
A list of safety and church recommendations was briefly reviewed. To be tabled until a future date.
    - iv. Other items of interest  
We discussed the live feed and number of people logging in.  
Offering: Pastor Rusty discussed a new system of distributing the offering that would eliminate passing the plate but will still have a receiving basket of some kind in the sanctuary for offering along with Pushpay. It will begin in March.
- 4) Update/Discussion 2018 Pledging Process (Target March 25<sup>th</sup>) - - Brian Weaver Stewardship Team. Brian is heading up a stewardship team with the goal of two main tasks. Oversee the pledge process leading up to pledge Sunday on April 22 and to establish a

sustainable process for the year to encourage consistent giving. Brian further developed areas where he could use assistance from the council and leaders as outlined below.

Draft a letter to congregation from Council – this letter will describe the need for their pledge and communicate key dates in the process. Who will lead this?

Communication meetings – we will plan to have meetings after each service on the 3-4 Sundays before 4/22. During these meetings, we need at least two leaders. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the significance of our ministry, high level look at Ministry Plan, and their pledge. Help is needed on the following dates March 18, March 25, April 8 and April 15. Volunteers?

Develop content for communication meetings – last year, a 15-20 min presentation was developed to communicate significance, Ministry Plan, and pledge. Who would like to help with this?

Be a member on the Giving and Pledge Team – One or two council members on the team to determine strategy for sustainable generous giving. Who would like to help with this?

The goal is to develop this team soon, would meet with the small groups with the concept of leading and serving others as a core premise. Who is a gifted team member, servants of support, trained to talk about significant commitments to the church. The pledge Sunday will be moved to April 22th. Brian discussed Jerry Gray closing out branching out and how the congregation should roll into “Tomorrowmatters”.

- 5) Update on Roof Repair – Interaction with GUIDEONE Ins. - A motion was offered by Anna, seconded Richard to authorize Larry and Bruce to analyze the roof project and advise the council the most logical direction to proceed. Larry and Bruce to report back.
- 6) NT-NL Synod Assembly April 27-28, 2018 – Temple, Texas (Committed delegates Pastor Rusty, Larry, Courtney Sullivan) – We need 3 more attendees?
- 7) Follow-up actions items
  - Church Constitution By-laws changes – Required action to publish send to Synod?
  - Update on Surplus Land Sale – Larry No change
  - Sanctuary furnishings sub-committee(s); Status Reports
  - Review future meeting dates
- 8) New Business:

Anna presented a motion to authorize \$10K to jump start the #tomorrowmatters campaign by having a reverse offering, Bruce seconded motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Next Meeting - 24D Vision training schedule - - February 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm (Module 10).

**5:00 pm**

10) Adjournment

*Next Council meeting Sunday @ 3:00 pm - - March. 11, 2018*  
**Fall Retreat TBD**