

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting December 12, 2023

Attendance (“P” = present)

Sally Avenson - P Kay Brossard - P Jamie Estill - P Greg John – P Diane Machatka - P	Linda Mihalov - P Ralph Minor - P Jim Musar - P Jill Richmond - Absent Theo Roe - P	Mark Strom – P <i>Ex officio:</i> Shannyn Fuerst - P Wally Powelson - P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Jamie Estill @ 7:02 PM
Devotional	Shannyn led our conversation on what is lighting and/or dimming our lives now.
Approval of Minutes	November 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.
Finance Committee and Financial Report Review	<p>Wally reported that as of this week our accounts are nearly out of the red.</p> <p>Finance Committee is reviewing expenditures for technology, in hopes of achieving some cost savings. The committee recommends keeping all five of our email addresses, for which we pay a hosting fee. It has ended our Zoom status as a business user with ten accounts. We will now have two Zoom accounts, one for the pastor and one for the congregation.</p> <p>They note that remote voting (via Zoom) is not formally allowed in our constitution. We may want to update the constitution to reflect the use of new technologies.</p> <p>Wally opened a discussion on whether to change our fiscal year to something like July-June, which would take time to implement. Recommends putting constitution revision on a future agenda.</p>
Pastor’s Report	<p>A national synod staff member who works remotely has asked to use an office at Faith. Shannyn sees an advantage for her in having a colleague in the office. Council reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding and approved it once it was updated to state the correct location. Final draft will be submitted to the executive committee by email for their approval.</p> <p>Faith has received a \$5,000 grant to create new content for our social media websites, and for new platforms as well. This should create four months’ worth of well-produced content.</p>
New Business	<p>Members raised the question of our committee structure and whether we wish to officially disband some committees. This is deferred to a future meeting.</p> <p>Add to January agenda: plan for a council retreat.</p>

Preschool	Jim Musar will examine the opening under social hall steps that worries the preschool and recommend how to proceed.
Prayer/Adjourn	Adjourned at 8:15 pm with prayer led by Shannyn.

Submitted by Diane Machatka, secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule

- Executive Committee Meetings (1st Tuesday of the month) –Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7
- Council Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month) – Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14
- spring congregational meeting - TBD

Caring Conversation Schedule

- January - Mark Strom
- February - Sally Avenson
- March - Kay Brossard
- April - Jamie Estill
- May – Diane Machatka