

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

September 12, 2023

Attendance (“P” = present)

Sally Avenson - P Kay Brossard - P Jamie Estill - P Greg John - P Linda Mihalov - P	Ralph Minor - P Jim Musar - P Diane Machatka - P Jill Richmond - P Theo Roe - P	Mark Strom – P Shannyn Fuerst - P Wally Powelson - P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Jamie Estill @ 7:03 PM
Devotional	Wally Powelson led our caring conversation.
Approval of Minutes	Approval of August 2023 minutes was deferred to the October 2023 meeting.
Finance Committee and Financial Report Review	<p>Wally Led the Discussion</p> <p>The monthly financial summary shows a downward trend, despite the budget including money for a part-time staff salary that is not yet being spent. If we had hired that staff, the budget would be \$20,000 further into the red.</p> <p>The 2024 budget will have to add a line item for organ maintenance, the cost of staff health insurance is rising 5%, Seattle CPI has grown 4.6% which will result in a proportional increase in staff pay, and we need to repay the parsonage renovation loans. This means that the demands on the budget will be growing while we are not meeting our current budget.</p> <p>Council agreed to communicate about the financial balance to the congregation through the weekly emails and Sunday bulletins.</p>
Maple Leaf Tiny House Village	Pastor updated the council on the status of the Low Income Housing Initiative (LIHI) MOU. Faith will not be asked to sign any written agreement with LIHI. We are asked to provide support to the tiny house community and Pastor agreed to this, with the specific support yet to be determined.
Bridge of Promise	The draft MOU will be brought to council in October for approval. Following that, an email advisory vote will be solicited from the congregation to indicate whether they support Council’s decision.
Preschool Liaison	Kari Monsen has agreed to serve as the congregation’s preschool liaison.
Prayer/Adjourn	Adjourned at 8:00 pm . Pastor Shannyn led us in prayer.

Submitted by Diane Machatka, secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule

- Executive Committee Meetings (usually Tuesday before Council meeting) –Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

- Council Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month) –Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12
- Congregational Meeting: December 3rd (proposed)

Caring Conversation Schedule

- October - Jill Richmond
- November - Ralph Minor
- December - Theo Roe
- January - Mark Strom
- February - Sally Avenson
- March - Kay Brossard
- April - Jamie Estill
- May – Diane Machatka