

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

July 16, 2024

Attendance (“P” = present)

Kay Brossard – P Lisa Chile – P Leslie Edgerton - A Jamie Estill – P Greg John – A	Linda Mihalov - P Ralph Minor - P Jim Musar - A Jill Richmond - 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	Mark Strom @ 7:04 PM
Devotional	Ralph led our conversation.
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of the June meeting were approved.
Meeting Dates	Council agrees that if the meeting needs to be rescheduled, it will not be scheduled over another Faith event.
Finance Committee and Financial Report	Wally Powelson shared the latest finance report, which shows a positive giving curve change.
Mission Trip Update	The Mission Trip went very well overall and Pastor Shannyn is working on a recap and reflections from attendees who ranged from ages 4 - 82. There was great engagement with the visiting church members and has been a springboard to Faith’s community engagement work.
Sabbatical Update	Pastor Shannyn will be sharing a detailed coverage plan with council and the church office. In August, Misi will be sending an overview of what to expect in the Fall that will incorporate Pastor’s plans.
Carl Johnson memorial bequest	Council discussed the outreach bequest that was given in 2012 and was tagged for outreach. Council discussed initial options such as distributing funds to our 5 mission partners, utilizing funds towards community engagement and continued social media support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council voted to sustain social media outreach efforts for on additional year, which has shown promising initial results. • Council will bring forward additional recommendations to the Congregational Meeting in October for a vote.
Faith Constitution Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for Congregational Meetings to ratify changes to the Constitution: October 6, 2024 and December 8, 2024 (Constitution requires 60 days between presentation of Constitution amendments and final vote to ratify changes). • Congregational review and feedback will be gathered prior to October 6. Wally will send out a detailed overview of proposed changes in the coming weeks. • Once approved, changes are submitted to the Synod.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high-level summary of the changes includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change Fiscal year to July 1 through June 30, instead of calendar year to better align with giving cycle ○ Move date of annual meeting to May-June to align with new budget approval timing ○ Add allowance for electronic voting for the council and congregation ○ Amend the size of the council to 7 - 11 (odd number ideal for voting) ○ Review and amend named permanent standing committees. All other committees will be revised as needed on an ad hoc basis, with activities evaluated annually. ○ Delete references to the Audit Committee, which no longer exists ○ Remove reference to a requirement for a mission endowment fund ○ Modify language regarding Congregational Meetings to include a Quorum % ○ Clarify size of the Call Committee <p>Action item: Council should submit any additional feedback or edits by July 30 to Mark, Wally, Kay and Jill.</p>
Prayer/Adjourn	Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm with prayer led by Pastor Shannyn.

Submitted by Jill Richmond, 2024-25 secretary