



Congregation Council Minutes

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Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

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Council Members in Attendance: Nona Gram, Art Gurtel, Ben Johnson, Scott Lester, Pastor McEachran, Steve Serex, Debbie Szabo, Pastor Telyea, Ann Thorpe, Mark Thorpe, Misty Weber

Members Excused: Joni Barrott, Davis Carmichael, David Holzboog, Kendra Mills

Staff Members in Attendance: Emily Harrow, Susan Hegedus, Will Simpson

The Council met for worship. Pastor McEachran gave a devotional based on Hebrews.

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church was called to order at 7:14pm by Vice President Scott Lester.

Review/ Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Art Gurtel and seconded by Ann Thorpe. Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Telyea thank you for the last five years and the support of family and all that was done for ministry here. Scott thanked him for his special voice and all that he has shared with us. Standing ovation from the council. Pastor McEachran thanked him for all that he has learned from him, including fishing and hunting.

Pastor Telyea was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

Pastor McEachran passed around cards to be signed for the new confirmands. Julie Lee has been appointed principal at Shadle Park High School in Spokane. He and Nancy called and sang the school song to Julie as they both graduated from there.

Remember confirmation of 14 young members. Struck by the depth of their faith statements. Families thrilled to be here including four generations from one family. Recognition of high school seniors. Those who return to be assisting ministers (Jon Thorpe and Josh Rudolph). Continues to enjoy being a grandfather. Nancy has been



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appointed chair of her department and still working on her PhD. He continues to serve in the city of Bellevue including group to provide affordable housing. There is a need and desire to provide affordable housing but no available land.

Updates:

- Staff Transition Task Force - has posted jobs for two part-time positions. At this time no one has applied. They will meet again and reassess the positions and possibly combine them. Will be posted with the synod. Scott wondered if there were other part time positions at other congregations who may be interested in another part time job.
- Design Advisory Group - hope to have schematics for council to see at August meeting
- Parking Lot Renewal - time line in the packet. Encouraged to know the timeline so questions from congregation can be answered. The job is due to be completed before VBS. High school students from temple will volunteer to work on some of our landscaping. Temple has accepted our offer to restripe their parking lot. Steve asked if there has been any progress on the permitting of paving the gravel portion of lot. No word yet.

Finance Report:

Scott recognizes that it appears alarming that there is a deficit for May, but pointed out that a variance was already budgeted. We are still in the positive.

Action Items:

- Parking Lot Improvements - just to keep informed. Timeline will be included in next Voice and posted on the bulletin board. B&P reviewed that suggestion to add a path, and decided to not do that at this time. Would lose some parking and be better to have a proper sidewalk. Will look at the option at the time of a remodel. Also need to look at how to budget.
- "Education Hall" Naming (tabled at May meeting) - Debbie moved that it be untabled. Art seconded. Motion to untable voted on and unanimously approved. One suggestion after last meeting was South Hall. Discussion about "Education Hall". Would be very helpful to staff during the week to direct outside users. Important geographic courtesy. Misty moved that we amend to rename the portion of the building South Hall. Mark seconded. Mark expressed that he finds the name cold and uninviting. Steve mentioned that he has shared several ideas with the Signage Group. Amended motion was voted on and unanimously defeated. Motion to name Education Hall. Two approved, rest defeated. Sent back to the task force.



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- Acceptance of Affirmation of Baptism Class of 2016- Motion to accept the ABC class of 2016. Art moved, Debbie seconded. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.
- Council Support and Agenda for Semi-Annual Meeting- Multi faceted time of recognition. Short time for updates. Recognize remaining charter members. 4 quiet servants: Tom and Bev Anderson, Bryant and Vanessa Wilkie. Recognize original lay liturgists Ed Short and Dave Kolden. Recognize and gentle send off to the Telyea family. We are together in mission. Present lithograph to Pastor Wes. Request to help with set up.

Committee Reports, Actions, and Other Matters:

- Building and Property - Steve called attention to Sept 24th planned work party. Thought to have timeline for parking lot improvements on easel in narthex
- Discipleship Ministries - refer to minutes
- Health and Wholeness Ministry - Art reported on July 17th will have an orientation on healing ministries. Discussed survey. Will be hosting fellowship on June 26th. Discussion about parking lot and concern about space for congregation members during week with Sound Transit and any Bellevue College students. Pastor shared that there will be training for those to administer to homebound members.
- Outreach and Servant Ministries - Ann referred to minutes, but pointed out the connection with the Erling/Prasad family to the LWR Bihar mission project which will involve 12 other congregations, including two others in our synod. Saint Andrew's has been recruited as a lead church. There are 14 Lutheran traditions in India. More information to come probably in August.
- Communications - Photo directory will happen in September.
- Worship and Liturgical Arts- no report.
- Stewardship - Working on dates for Commitment weekend.
- Human Resources - no report.

Staff Reports/Inputs:

Susan working on website. Photo directory pictures will be taken starting in September. Looking for historical photos for the semiannual meeting.



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Emily getting ready for mission trips and VBS. Expecting some more volunteers for VBS. Excited to be working with the organizations for HS mission trip. Middle schoolers will be going to Idaho. Evaluating this past school year, and working on prep and curriculum for next year.

Will reported that hand bells and choir now on summer hiatus. Bells of the Sound will be at International Bells Symposium. Elected Dean Elect of Seattle chapter of American Guild of Organists. Will work on chapter event programming. Finished up concert series. Thanked pastor for his support.

Other Business:

Art shared that he was impressed with the June 10th concert by Emmaus Trio. Heard many comments on how professional they were. They are a tribute to our congregation and an outreach. Would like to recognize the group and moved to make them artists in residence. Debbie seconded. Steve shared that he heard the cellist warming up, but was in awe of the sound. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

Steve thanked Will for his music prior to the council worship.

Executive will meet June 23rd to discuss next steps as Pastor Telyea moves on to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Saint Andrew's moving toward shared period of opportunity planning. Reassured that our congregation is deeply secure. Council members and staff shared feelings about Pastor Tel yea leaving.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment:

Pastor McEachran led the council in a group benediction.

Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Lester at 9:04 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be July 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Gram

Council Secretary