



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: Davis Carmichael, Nona Gram, Art Gurtel, Scott Lester, Pastor McEachran, Kendra Mills, Steve Serex, Debbie Szabo, Ann Thorpe, Mark Thorpe

Members Excused: Joni Barrott, Dave Holzboog (resigned), Ben Johnson, Misty Weber

Staff Members in Attendance: Susan Hegedus, Will Simpson

Staff Members Excused: Emily Harrow

Guest: Dean Hobson

The Council met for worship. Pastor McEachran gave a devotional based on Luke 13:18-19. He spoke of the Kingdom of God being like a mustard seed. Imagine Housing started as a seed of faith and has grown. VBS was one of our most diverse yet. One parent found out about it when she was at the church for a meeting. Out of smallness comes growth.

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church was called to order at 7:18 pm by President Scott Lester.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Art Gurtel and seconded by Debbie Szabo. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Resignation of Dave Holzboog:

Scott will be President until the annual meeting in January when a new Executive Committee is elected. Current Executive Committee met prior to the Council meeting to discuss next steps.



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Finance Report:

Jerry Haralson reported that we have a net positive on the budget. So far no reason to be concerned for the remaining part of the year.

Audit Report will be reviewed by the Finance Committee during their next meeting.

Updates:

- Staff Transition Task Force - Have one applicant from within the synod and another in house. May merge the positions into one, so decided to create one interview team for both positions, and includes Bill Brueggemann (chair), Vanessa Wilkie, and Dean Hobson. Marcia Riggers has also been asked.
- Signage Working Group - Funds from a gift from the Gentsch family. Pictures and schematics were shared with the Council. Congruent with sign on the street.
- Design Advisory Group - Had difficulties meeting during the summer due to members' schedules. Hope to meet early September. Goal to have proposal at the January Annual Meeting.
- Parking Lot Renewal - Done! Kurt Lutterman worked hard to make sure work was complete before VBS started. Card went around for Council members to sign as thanks for Kurt. Sound Transit plans to start use in September.
- Fall Planning - Fall theme called DiscipleFit and will focus on members being spiritually, physically, and mentally fit. There will be a Walk to Wittenberg. Pastor and Emily collaborated on a series of Adult Discipleship hours. Will honor health care professionals and parish nurses. Worship is rich with guest preachers.

Action Items:

- South Building - Executive Committee recommends to name the wing South Hall. Art Gurtel moved to approve the name, Kendra Mills seconded. Art asked about the accountability from the Signage Work Group/Design Advisory Group. It was sent to the Executive to make a decision after the Council voted and sent back to the working group.
Design elements (color of lettering and lighting) will be decided by the Signage Work Group. Motion was voted on with one dissent, remaining approved. Motion was approved.



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- Appointment of new Council member - Dave Holzboog resigned as President and member of Council effective today. New council member will fill his position until January when a new member will be elected to fill the remaining part of the term. Art moved to accept resignation, Ann seconded. Voted and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports, Actions, and Other Matters:

- Building and Property - Did not meet. Steve reported that the men's restroom downstairs floor was replaced. T-Mobile upgraded pole that sits on our property.
- Discipleship Ministries- Did not meet. VBS had 84 students, and 60+ volunteers. Pastor shared that Kurt gave an opening devotion on Friday of VBS by rappelling from the rafters over the altar. Davis shared his experience of the High School Mission Trip.
- Health and Wholeness Ministry - Did not meet. Will meet again late August. Pastor shared that there were two parish nurses on duty each day of VBS.
- Outreach and Servant Ministries - Did not meet. Ann shared that it was nice to see so many people staying during fellowship. Committee plans to present joint mission with L WR in Bihar, India. Debbie shared that Imagine Housing has started a relationship with a farm in Redmond to deliver fresh produce to some of their sites. Pastor shared that we may be severing our relationship with EFP. No one accesses it. Suggest that they provide food bags at BC where students can more easily access. Likely work with Hopelink in the future.
- Communications - did not meet
- Worship and Liturgical Arts - Art shared a personal note that he was impressed with how welcoming the congregation was for those who were visiting for his grandson's baptism.
- Stewardship- Made progress on work for the campaign.
- Human Resources - No report. Art recognized that the committee has worked hard.

Staff Reports/Inputs:

Susan shared that plans for the photo directory is moving along. Signups begin on Sunday. Getting ready for the fall mailing, which will include The Voice, pastoral letter, and calendar of events. Asked that committees let her know of special dates for fall to be included on the calendar of events.

Will shared that WLA will meet in September. Back from time off exploring the eastern side of the state.



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Senior Pastor's Report:

Pastor McEachran passed around a picture of his grandson. He also shared a picture of the Fire Force mission group where it appears he photo bombed, but was actually waving to someone in the parking lot. Talked of the Thursday report and weekly staff agenda. Brought up that Bellevue College is planning on building housing for international students. Also that the president resigned. Erin and her family are hoping to move to Snoqualmie. Alyssa will be home for a visit. Appreciative of the level of participation this summer. Worship attendance is remarkable. Visitors checking out the church. Many baptisms. Thanks for ongoing support. Staff reviews. Pastor Telyea did Emily's before he left. Will be gone a week to visit Spokane.

New Business:

Scott shared that the resignation of Dave Holzboog was very sudden and unexpected to all, including Pastor McEachran. Pastor will be following up with Dave. We will need to fill his position as a council member until January. Those under consideration ran for Council in January. Scott will look into whoever was the next highest vote getter during the election, and then begin to ask. At the September meeting, Council will vote on a new Vice President. There was a question as to how best to let the congregation know. A note will be made from Scott and Pastor.

There is an Advent devotional in the works with Pastor Tel yea as editor, and to include devotions from Saint Andrew' s, Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah, and Saint Luke's in Bellevue.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment:

Pastor McEachran closed in prayer.

Meeting was adjourned by President Scott Lester at 8:51 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be September 12, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Gram

Council Secretary