

First Lutheran Community Church July 15 2021 Meeting Minutes Final

Attendees: Jeff Robinson (President) Sarah Cook (Vice President)
Ryan Sjoberg (Secretary) Fred Seidel (Treasurer)
Pastor Adrian Bonaro Julianne Powelson
Sonja Miller Chris Billings
Casey Nelson Diane Aldinger
Suzanne Harvey Paul Gaudette (CBA)
Sharon Bacon

Absentees: Jake Nelson
Steve Atkinson

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER (President) 7:01 PM
2. OPENING DEVOTIONS (Pastor)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 15 JUNE MEETING DRAFT 3 (President).

Sonja motioned we approve Draft 3 minutes from 15 June meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. REPORTS

A. Presidents Report:

- 1) Transformation team is meeting to determine what is next for the congregation.
- 2) There are lots of questions about the tiny houses. We own two of them and potentially could use them as a garden shed or playhouse. Adrian noted that Project Share has recently toured two sites again for the village, so we will give it until September. If there are no concrete plans then, we will proceed with alternate uses.
- 3) Adrian received his new laptop and it's working well.
- 4) The front offices have no windows or AC. They are getting very hot and uncomfortable during the summer. We will explore adding windows or a ductless AC system for them and will get quotes.

B. Pastor's Report:

- 1) Transformation team is setting up conversations with the congregation. The goal is to determine who is still active in the church and what they would like to see the congregation do. Signups will start on Sundays and will be for small groups. They will take place over the next few months.
- 2) We potentially have an interim piano player. In addition, some new software has pre-recorded songs that can be used as backup.
- 3) Dan Wilson will be filling in while Adrian is on vacation.

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- 4) September will see the continuation of fellowship and standard communion if conditions continue to improve. Blast off Sunday would be the kickoff for resuming “normal” activities. Confirmation, Bible Study, Exercise Classes, and other events would resume.
- 5) September 12th is the 10AM outdoor worship at the waterfront pavilion. Afterwards there will be a joint volunteer event on September 12th with Elim and Spirit of Life. God’s Work, Our Hands is a national go out into the community day.
- 6) Spirit of Life’s Pastor Amy is leaving this month, but they will be getting an interim Pastor with potential to stay.
- 7) Question about a mailing list for those who don’t use the internet. There is a mailing list and ad-hoc calling is performed when needed. Currently there is no standing phone call team. Marge is going to be calling everyone in August and a calendar is provided in the newsletter.

C. Treasurer's Report:

- 1) **General Update:** Fred has contacted several members about serving as cashiers to assist Paul with counting our contributions each Monday. So far 5 members have volunteered to help us with this, and he is continuing to seek others. He would like to have about 6-9 total to spread out the work and to allow for replacements when one person is unavailable. Fred is working to reconstitute the Audit Committee so that we can restart the process for the year 2020. Due to the pandemic we did not do an audit last year. Some of the members of the committee must be replaced because of term limits and other responsibilities.

Fred noted that there is a surplus of funds in the checking account. We could move some into the operations savings account to earn interest. Although it would not be much, it would be something.

Sarah motioned for \$50,000 to be moved into the savings account. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 2) **FLCC General Funds:** June general giving was \$24,075 compared to the May total of \$23,790 (June 2020 was \$24,021). The envelope giving was consistent with prior months, and the loose offerings showed a modest increase as we continue with our in-house worship services. The Vanco Simply Giving, Thrivent, and the lease income from the KMHS were also consistent with last month. The total general fund income for June was \$31,831, and the expenses were \$31,531 for a net income of \$300. The general fund checking account balance was \$108,924, and the general operations savings account was \$16,868 at month end.
- 3) **Resource Coordinator Fund:** The fund received donations of \$30 in June. At month end there was \$13,076 in this fund.

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- 4) **NADC - Noah's Ark Daycare:** June income was \$72,406, and expenses were \$64,988 for a net income of \$7,418. During June the NADC continued their renovation project, incurring higher costs above their normal operations averages. At month end they had total assets of \$232,948 in checking, savings accounts, and receivables.
- 5) **NAPS - Noah's Ark Preschool:** June income was \$4,502 and expenses were \$2,560 for a net income of \$1,942. NAPS received over \$3,000 from the rummage sale. At month end they had a combined total of \$34,546 in checking and savings accounts. NAPS is currently conducting a summer camp session.
- 6) **FLCCW - First Lutheran Community Church Women:** The group remains largely inactive. In June they received income of \$330, with expenses of \$50, for a net income of \$286. At month end they had a total of \$6,487 in net assets.
- 7) **Designated Funds:** The majority of these funds remained inactive during June. The Community Aid fund received two large donations totaling \$5,300 this month, and continues to provide assistance to local residents. The Flower fund has become active again as we resume in house services; at month end the fund balance was \$295. At month end the Youth fund had a balance of \$4,261 to be used for their summer retreat.
- 8) **Endowment Fund:** The balance of this fund is \$11,139; the next quarterly dividend is due in July.
- 9) **Mortgage Refinancing:** Fred spoke with a loan specialist at Thrivent Financial to discuss the option of converting our mortgage to a fixed rate, 15-year conventional mortgage. Our adjustable-rate mortgage loan is subject to a rate review as of September 1, 2021. The loan specialist said that the adjusted rate would likely be close to our current 3.625%. The loan specialist said that if we wanted to convert there would be a 1% loan processing fee (about \$7,000). He felt that the payments for a conventional loan would likely remain about the same as they are now (\$4,960 per month). We do have a \$19,508 balloon payment due as a result of our loan forbearance from 2020. This was for the months during which we paid only interest. That amount should be amortized over the remaining period of our mortgage. He said that our loan was in very good standing, with no negatives; it has been a good loan for them. So, he felt that we would not be gaining a great deal from spending the \$7,000 to refinance. A previous loan specialist told me that they would impose a 2% penalty if we changed lenders. However, I plan to meet with a representative of the Kitsap Bank to discuss what they could offer us. Although the current rates are low, our ARM loan will have two more readjustments (in 2026 and 2031). It is uncertain if the rates will remain this low in the future. Fred will continue to research our options and provide the members of the Church Council updates at future meetings.

D. CBA's Report:

- 1) Installing automatic push button assisted doors for the restrooms so that people can have easier access.
- 2) Christ the Rock church used the same Vacation Bible School curriculum we did for their group of over 200 children. They had many props left over that we were

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able to pick up and reuse when they were done. We hope to pass them along to another church when we are done with them so they keep getting used.

- 3) The daycare is getting fence bids to replace the playground fence and gate latches. While they are at it, we hope to fix the back half behind the pond so the goats can come back. The company we have used before has been unresponsive. Nancy has been handling it.
 - 4) The daycare hired some people to build a website and the results were not ideal. Bree taught herself how to do it and did a much better job. The first bathroom is almost complete and the second will start soon.
 - 5) Ministry center received another viewing.
 - 6) The last trailer has moved on from our lot and we will not encourage more going forward. There are some park and ride vehicles that stay parked overnight.
 - 7) The American Red Cross checked in to see if we wished to continue to consider the building as a potential emergency center if ever needed. We of course agreed.
5. OLD BUSINESS (President): None.
 6. NEW BUSINESS (President): None.
 7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (President): None.
 8. ADJOURNMENT (President)

Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Julianne seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST 2021, 7:00 PM.