

## December 2023 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:30 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County. This meeting was held at Bandana's Restaurant and followed fellowship and a meal together which began at 6:00 PM. The following is a summary of the main topics discussed at the Council meeting. The Council members present included:

- Brent Carlock
- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris
- John Petrillo

Also in attendance:

- Bridget Koester

Absent from the meeting:

- Jeff Pitzer

John Petrillo led our group in prayer before our meal.

- Meal and fellowship

John Petrillo opened the Council Meeting in prayer at 7:38 PM.

**Approvals:** After making a few revisions to the November Meeting Reports, the submitted reports for the following were approved under a consent agenda format. Beth Feit moved to approve the submitted reports and Brad Morris seconded. After minimal discussion, all the following were unanimously approved.

- November Meeting Minutes
- November Dashboard
- November Financial Report
- November Facility Report
- November Ministry Team Reports including Youth Discipleship, Worship & Mission Teams
- November Pastoral Update
- November Council President Update
- **Items Discussed:**
  - ✓ The 2024 Proposed Budget: Financial Revenue Reviewed
  - ✓ The 2024 Proposed Budget: Itemized Expenses Reviewed

- ✓ The 2024 Proposed Budget must be finalized and approved at the January Church Council Meeting.
- ✓ Detailed Job Descriptions and Duties need to be documented for Bridget Koester, Jeff Pitzer, and Aundrea Kinas – all tasks need a designated person for the detailed roles and responsibilities.
- ✓ Due to John Petrillo moving, some changes were discussed regarding credit card and checkbook co-signers.
- ✓ In January 2024 or February 2024, new Church Council Members and Officer Elections need to be on the agenda.
- ✓ Brad Morris provided a Facility Task Force Update.
- ✓ All those present celebrated relational discipleship that is happening within Faith Lutheran Church. The Council celebrated the act of pouring into someone in a very intentional way. Praise God.

**Further Discussion:**

- Church Council Members and spouses respectfully acknowledged John and Debi Petrillo's faithful dedication in planting Faith Lutheran Church and diligently leading the Partners of Faith with a mission and vision that calls each of us to continue to disciple to one another and build God's Kingdom. Prayers for John and Debi as they begin a new season of their lives in new surroundings.

The next Council meeting will be on January 9, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- December reports will be due by January 7, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary

