

## February 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 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 Brad Morris's home due to the unavailability of the Union Park facility. 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

Also in attendance:

- Bridget Koester

Absent from the meeting:

- John Petrillo
- Jeff Pitzer

At approximately 6:44 PM, Brian Goke led our group in prayer before our time to reflect and share. Brian posed two conversation starters for each of the members present to reflect on and share with the group. The conversation starters were as follows: 1. How was your day? 2. Tell us about your God Sightings.

Pastor Brian encouraged each of us to help each other to be looking for God.

Members that were present shared. Bridget Koester left the meeting at approximately 7:26 PM. At 7:26 PM, our reflection and sharing time ended.

At 7:26 PM, Brad Morris opened the Church Council Meeting with prayer.

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

- January Meeting Minutes
- January Dashboard
- January Financial Report
- January Facility Report
- January Ministry Team Reports including Youth Discipleship, Worship & Mission Teams
- January Pastoral Update

- January Interim Council President Update

- **Items Discussed:**

- ✓ John Petrillo had submitted a written letter of resignation regarding his position as Church Council President of Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County. Brad Morris asked for the approval to accept John Petrillo's written resignation. The acceptance was unanimously approved.
- ✓ Discussion regarding an updated document to identify expectations, parameters, duties, requirements, and tasks for members of Church Council. Brian suggested we focus on five different areas: 1. Expectations, 2. Duties and Responsibilities, 3. Tasks, 4. Requirements, and 5. Discipleship.

A list of suggestions was generated:

- A. Pray for leadership, the church, and Pastor Brian.
- B. We are not a business. We are a church.
- C. A specific list of onboarding information and directions for new Church Council Members needs to be created and implemented. (How to use google drive, explanation of details regarding preparation for attending Church Council meetings, etc.).
- D. Expectations: Regular church attendance, active in mission opportunities, active in Life Group, confidentiality regarding certain agenda items that will be the responsibility of certain Council members to share with the Partners of Faith. Church Council members shall be a resource person for other members to approach with questions or concerns. Church Council members shall be approachable and set example by their actions. Church Council members shall communicate the needs and remain on task with the mission and vision for Faith Lutheran. Church Council members shall have a clear understanding and be able to articulate the mission and vision for Faith Lutheran Church. Church Council members shall remain humble and considerate when thinking about how decisions impact the Partners of Faith. Church Council members shall see themselves as a connector for communication between Partners and Council.
- E. Clarify Terms of Office.
- F. Document Processes.
- G. Clarify what is expected of the Church Council Members.
- ✓ Church Council members were asked to think about prospective people to be added to the Church Council.

- ✓ Brad Morris provided a facility report. John Tornquist, Mike Gilmore, Brad Morris, and Brian Goke met with the Union Park Board. The Union Park Board shared that benevolence that was shown to them by GE is something that they want to consider when they think about the current property at Union Park. The Union Park Board shared that they have a passion for serving the community and with that mindset, they want to show benevolence too. Brad Morris provided a bulleted list of items pertaining to the Union Park facility that the Union Park Board would like to see progress on, and the Board provided timelines for certain bulleted items. It was noted that the Church Council must remain discerning when considering the bulleted list of items. Some parameters may need to be put in place. Next steps include an attorney looking at the original agreement and conversation with a certified Illinois architect.
- ✓ It was discussed that clarity needs to be determined regarding when more information should be shared with the Partners of Faith regarding the next phases and how the mission and vision of Faith Lutheran is at the forefront of the decision-making process.

**Further Discussion:**

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- February reports will be due by Sunday, March 10, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary

