

April 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, April 9, 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 Union Park and followed a Bible Study which began at 6:37 PM. The following is a summary of the main topics discussed at the Bible Study and the Council meeting. The Council members present included:

- Brent Carlock
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Bridget Koester
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris

Also in attendance:

- Jeff Pitzer via conference call. Jeff left the meeting at approximately 7:02 PM.

Absent from the meeting:

- Staci Dowell (Staci arrived at 7:31 PM. She had a prior commitment that interfered with the 6:30 start time).

At approximately 6:37 PM, Brian Goke led our group in prayer before our time to reflect and share. Brian posed four 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. How was your week? How was your month? 4. Tell us about your God Sightings.

Members that were present shared. At 7:29 PM, our reflection and sharing time ended.

At 7:31 PM Staci Dowell arrived.

At 7:33 PM, Brad Morris opened the Church Council Meeting with prayer.

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

- March Meeting Minutes
- March Dashboard
- March Financial Report
- March Facility Report
- March Ministry Team Reports including only the Worship Team Report (Please note that there was not a March Youth Discipleship Report or a March Mission Team Report submitted for approval).
- March Pastoral Update

- March Interim Council President Update

Items Discussed:

- ✓ It was agreed upon that the Consent Agenda Link for Google Drive will be sent to Tim Moore and Greg Koester before the Church Council Meetings. By providing them with the Link, Tim and Greg will have the opportunity to share the Youth Discipleship Report and the Mission Team Reports prior to the Church Council Meetings.
- ✓ It was also agreed that there would be a separate account code for the future facility expenses for the financial reports. This new account will be titled, "Future Facility."
- ✓ The document, "Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County Congregation Council – Summary of Expectations", was reviewed. Revision was made to a few items on the document.
- ✓ Possible names of Partners that are potential Church Council Members were shared and discussed. Brad and Brian will have a conversation with our first potential Partner.
- ✓ Mission and Vision Statements: Do you know them? Can you recite them without looking at them? Church Council Members should know these statements and implement them.
- ✓ Union Park Facility Update: There is a possibility that there will be some discussion/vote regarding the facility at the union meeting in April. Movement is pending.
- ✓ It was shared that LCMC does not deal with property. Let this information be documented in these minutes.
- ✓ A certified Illinois architect has provided services. Beth has been made aware of a bill regarding the architect's fees.
- ✓ Reminder and brief discussion regarding the May 1-2 Discipleship Conference in Indiana.
- ✓ Summer outside worship will be happening again this summer.
- ✓ A suggestion was made to add a Hospitality Team to our ways in which some may serve. Pending need would be ice cream socials for the summer of 2024. The ice cream socials in the summer of 2023 were successful and provided great fun and fellowship.
- ✓ A question was proposed. Should Aundrea Kinas, finance administrator, be given access to Google Drive? Pending discussion.
- ✓ The trailer has new license plates.

Further Discussion:

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- April reports will be due by Sunday, May 12, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary