

July 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, July 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 6:30 PM. The following is a summary of the main topics discussed at the Bible Study and the Council meeting. The Council members present included:

- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Bridget Koester
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris
- Brian Otto
- Jeff Pitzer

Absent from the meeting:

- Brent Carlock

At approximately 6:30 PM, Brian Goke led our group in prayer before our time to reflect and share. Brian posed conversation starters for each of the members present to reflect on and share with the group. The conversation starters were as follows: How was your day? How was your week? How has your life been since we last met in June and tell us about your God Sightings.

Members that were present shared. At 7:33 PM, our reflection and sharing time ended.

At 7:33 PM, Bridget Koester and Jeff Pitzer left the meeting.

At 7:35 PM, Brad Morris led an opening prayer for our Church Council meeting.

Approvals: After making a few revisions to the June 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.

- June Meeting Minutes
- June Dashboard
- June Financial Report
- June Facility Report
- June Ministry Team Reports include the Worship Team Report, Youth Discipleship Report and Mission Team Report.
- June Pastoral Update
- June Interim Council President Update

Items Discussed:

- ✓ Discipleship Training Workshop: Confirmed dates are October 19 and October 20, 2024.
- ✓ The Mission Report Update: brief discussion on Greg Koester's Alaska trip which will be August 1 – August 5. Greg K. will speak at worship on July 28 (before his trip) and August 11 (after returning).
- ✓ Status of future Church Council Members: This is an ongoing and pending discussion. Beth Feit agreed to have a conversation with a potential candidate.
- ✓ July 14 Kona Ice Event after worship: Brad Morris provided an update on the plans and informed Church Council members that a Bible lesson and crafts would be prepared for Children's Church on July 14.
- ✓ August 18: Ice Cream Social after worship
- ✓ Facility Search Update: The Task Force has been looking at properties. Finding a piece of land might potentially be an option to fill our need.
- ✓ Facility: the new lease still needs to be re-signed. The same arrangements are on the lease and Brad Morris is taking care of this.
- ✓ Children's Church Facilitator: Church Council Members had a conversation about implementing Children's Church on Sunday mornings during worship. Staci Dowell volunteered to put time and energy into organizing this.
- ✓ Beth Feit provided a financial update on current CD's.
- ✓ Church Council Monthly Meeting Dates: Brad Morris inquired about the possibility of moving the designated monthly Church Council Meeting date to a different day of the week. This is pending.
- ✓ Request for 'Spiritual Covering': There has been a request made by a friend of Faith Lutheran Church for more "spiritual covering" while serving as a missionary. If Faith Lutheran Church were to fulfill this request, it would mean that Faith would be sponsoring this person as a missionary. Some details to consider are: 1) Is this person aligned with our mission and vision? 2) Does this person share Faith Lutheran's theological views and values? 3) If Faith Lutheran fulfilled this request, this person would be on our website as our missionary. 4) Is this person considering becoming a Partner of Faith Lutheran Church? This discussion is pending. A final decision has not been made.
- ✓ Faith Lutheran 1.0, 2.0, 3.0: Do you know what happens at each level?
- ✓ Council Minutes: It was requested that initials be used in the minutes to denote between Brian Goke and Brian Otto.

Further Discussion:

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- July reports will be due by Sunday, August 11, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary