

September 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:17 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean. This meeting was held at Union Park and followed a Devotion, which began at 6:30 PM. This is a Summary of the Devotion and Council meeting.

Council members in attendance:

- Brent Carlock
- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Brad Morris
- Brian Otto
- Staci Dowell

Council member not in attendance:

- Denise Ludwig

Brian opened our Devotion with a prayer, and those in attendance discussed the following:

- ✓ How was your day, week, or month
- ✓ Shared any God Sightings

Devotion ended at 7:17.

Brad opened our Council meeting in prayer.

Brad began discussion with the consent agenda items.

- ✓ Brad moved to approve the consent agenda:
- ✓ Brian Otto motioned to approve.
- ✓ Beth seconded the motion.

Pastor Brian brought up a Faith Partner who has agreed to join Church Council in 2025.

- ✓ Beth will follow-up with this Partner, and we expect she will start to attend Council meetings as a guest.

Pastor Brian moved the discussion to our church current and new Missions:

- ✓ Global Methodist Church: How will Fatih continue to support and walk alongside Mark and Andrea as they begin their ministry in Bloomington-Normal? Council will continue to discuss and determine what the support may look like.
- ✓ Greg Koester and Pastor Brian met with Pastor Solomon from Ecuador via Zoom call. Determine how we will support them:
 - Do we have Spanish-speaking church partners who can lead on this?
 - It was mentioned that we support them in tandem with Spark.

Brad then moved to the topic of Kingdom Gym. He will follow-up with the owner and bring this discussion back to Council.

Pastor Brian then moved to discussion around the organization of the Discipleship Workshop taking place on October 20, 2024:

- ✓ Union Park is not available that day, Brad is looking to secure a room and meal at Biaggi's for the workshop.
- ✓ There will be a sign-up available for Faith Partners to attend.
- ✓ Biaggi's will need the number in attendance 72 hours prior to the event.
- ✓ Pastor Brian / Brad will follow-up with Biaggi's.

Discussion moved to an update on the Christmas Nativity Pageant:

- ✓ Brad went to Discovery Animals in El Paso, IL and talked to them about coming to Faith on Sunday, December 15 to have a petting zoo for our Faith Partners and children.
- ✓ The service time for that Sunday will from 10:00am-12:00pm.
- ✓ Pastor Brian and Brad will put together a team to coordinate the Pageant incorporating the animals from the petting zoo.

Brad continued the discussion with coordinating a "Parents night out" on Friday, December 13th:

- ✓ From 5:00pm-7:00pm, he will organize this time that parents can have a couple hours to themselves, while Faith children and others participating in the pageant can practice for the pageant and participate in other fun activities, i.e. a bounce house, etc.
- ✓ Will start advertising this in October.

Pastor Brian and Brad then moved discussion to Facility Update: Building fund:

- ✓ The building task force visited a new Methodist church build in Downs, IL to get an idea of costs involved in buying land a building a new church. This church was around \$4 million.
- ✓ The discussion then moved to establishing a specific building fund for Faith Partners to begin contributing.
- ✓ The idea to have 2025 pledge cards to include:
 - 1 – pledge for general contribution
 - 2 – pledge for building fund
 - Would like to have a clear delineation between general contributions and an actual building fund.
- ✓ Discussion then moved to how we go about starting the building fund; what are the best options:
 - Possible money market?
- ✓ Council voted to create a building fund:
 - Beth moved
 - Brian Otto seconded
- ✓ Council then voted to begin the building fund:
 - Brian Otto moved
 - Beth seconded
- ✓ We will ask the Facility Committee to announce the creation of the building fund to the congregation

Brad then moved discussion to changing the Council Meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. He mentioned this in a previous meeting to see if everyone was open to this change.

- ✓ He will check with Sam to confirm that Union Park is available.
- ✓ **If it is available, we will start our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday beginning, October 15, 2024.**

Other Discussion:

Beth needs budget amounts for 2025 from Brad, Brian, and Staci:

- ✓ Staci will get back to her on budget for Faith Kids

- ✓ Young Adult program (Staci will reach out to Tim Moore and get back to Beth).

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting

Brent seconded the move

- ✓ The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately, 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by - Staci Dowell, Church Council Member