

October 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, October 15, 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:

- Brent Carlock (arrived at 7:32 due to previous commitment)
- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Bridget Koester
- Greg Koester (left the meeting at 7:00 PM)
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris
- Brian Otto

Absent from the meeting:

- Jeff Pitzer

At approximately 6:32 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 September 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 left the meeting.

At 7:33 PM, Brad Morris led an opening prayer for our Church Council meeting.

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

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

Items Discussed:

- ✓ Beth Feit provided a 2024 and preliminary 2025 proposed budget overview.
- ✓ Brief discussion regarding pledge cards being mailed out to Partners in November and Pledge Sunday slated for Sunday, November 17, 2024.
- ✓ Brief overview and conversation regarding the Dashboard numbers.
- ✓ A Partner of Faith will be joining the Church Council. This Partner will attend the November 2024 Church Council Meeting as a guest.
- ✓ The Building Fund is set up and ready to go.
- ✓ Staci Dowell provided an update on Kid's Church. Church Council Members celebrated the successful new program. Staci shared an update for planning through the 2024 year-end and the beginning of 2025. The Church Council Members had a discussion regarding video usage during Kid's Church on Sunday mornings. Conversation pertaining to technology for Staci and others to use. It is necessary to consider strategic planning regarding video usage that would not interfere with current technology being used during the worship service. It was discussed that Kid's Church would take a break during the summer months in 2025.
- ✓ There will not be worship on Sunday, December 29, 2024.
- ✓ Attendees for the Discipleship lunch on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, were confirmed.
- ✓ On October 27, 2024, there will be a meeting after worship for those organizing The Christmas Pageant and Nativity Weekend.
- ✓ Onboarding of New Members: How can we best welcome people? There was discussion regarding creating an Onboarding Team. Suggestions were made to promote the possibility of inviting one or two people from each Life Group to be a part of this new team. This discussion is pending.
- ✓ The Church Council celebrated the following: The successful new program Kid's Church, new facility donations, and member numbers are increasing.

Further Discussion:

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- October reports will be due by Sunday, November 17, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary

