

## July 2025 Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:26 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean. The meeting followed a Devotion, which began at 6:35 PM. This is a Summary of the Devotion and Council meeting.

Council members in attendance:

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

Also in attendance:

- Bridget Koester
- Jeff Pitzer

Our Devotion opened with a prayer.

- The Devotion discussion was from an article discussing church building.
- Brian G. led the discussion.
- Discussion ended at 7:26 PM.

**Brad** opened our Council meeting in prayer.

**Brad** moved to approve the consent agenda:

- Beth moved to approve
- Brian O seconded
- Council approved

**Brian G and Brad** – Led Facility Updates discussion

- Brian G - Brought up questions he had about the finances and Helen addressed outstanding questions.
- Beth and Helen discussed phases of building improvements:
  - This will be a phased approach reliant on available funds.
  - Council will make the final decisions on what is purchased and the funds allotted for those purchases.
- Brad continued the Facilities Report:
  - Architect findings:
    - There was 2007 Eco study on the building and the resulting in the building was “all clear”
    - We don’t know at this time if another study will need to happen.
  - The work the congregation can do is almost complete. We need approval from the city to move forward with complete demo of floors and walls.
  - We still have office furniture to move. The Baby Fold and Victory Church is coming to pick-up some of that furniture.

- Key Log:
  - Eight keys were made and seven have been passed out.
  - There will be a Key Policy that will need to be read and signed when keys are taken.
- Brent provided a Wi-Fi update:
  - He is looking into the church Wi-Fi needs.
  - He will get back with Council on quotes through email.
  - He's proposing a Tech Committee: Brent, Carl, and Jeff.

**Brad** – Led continued discussion on possible rebranding of Faith Lutheran

- Bridget, Brian G and Brad met with James, a church branding expert.
- James will come back to them with some drafts for proposed new logo for signage and letterhead.
- Cost will be around \$1500. This includes a website revamp.
- We will have more information in about two weeks
- **Thank you, Bridget, for all your work on this!**

**Brad** - Led continued discussion around the creation of Committees:

- Brad created a list of ministry teams in our Google Docs folder
- Proposing one person from Council will serve as a liaison to each ministry.
- We are looking to get some ideas of what other churches do about this topic.

**Brad and Beth** - Led discussion to create a job role of office administrator (Financial and Manager of day-to-day needs of the church)

- Reviewed job duties of Office/Financial Manager
- Beth and Helen will get with David Theile to determine timing and responsibilities

#### **Other Items to celebrate**

- **Brad:**
  - Sid from Kingdom City Gym is have a backpack giveaway August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - We are directing \$500 toward that giveaway as part of our partnership with Kingdom City Gym.
  - Brad brought up the tragedy of the Camp Mystic flooding in Texas. He recommends we find out if there are any LCMC churches close so that we can provide some relief funds. More to come.

**Next meeting will Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the new building!**

- Devotion will start at 6:30pm
- August reports are due by Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Staci Dowell, Church Council member