

## August 2025 Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:47 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 7:04 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

Council members in absent:

- Helen Haggarty

Also in attendance:

- Bridget Koester
- Jeff Pitzer

Our Devotion opened with a prayer.

- The Devotion discussion was from the Devotional Classics book, Jeremy Taylor, The Grace of Humility.
- Brian G. led the discussion.
- Discussion ended at 7:44 PM.

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

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

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

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

- Brian O – We received the EPA report.
- The outside of the building has been power washed and tuckpointing will take place.
- Brian G – Discussed briefly a possible “loan” from some congregants who want to provide additional money toward renovations and the mortgage. More to come on this.
  - **Action item:** Will ask Helen to have discussion with the congregants wanting to do a “loan” vs. giving for building.
- Brad – Has been informed that some congregants want to provide the money for specific items needed in the church.

- Beth stated this will be part of phase 3 of the building improvements. We have asked Barb and Vickie to provide a written proposal of items/furnishings needed for phase 3, they have asked for:
  - Listing for specifics needed
  - How much is the proposed cost

The Facility Task force will need review this list and Council will vote to approve/decline.

- Brent asked whether security has been included in phase 2. Beth Confirmed this is part of the technology budget and is included in phase 2. More to come on this topic.

#### **Beth - Led Financial Discussion**

- She is working with Helen and Aundria to place the mortgage and utilities in the ongoing expenses reporting.
- Beth moved to make the following motion for Council to vote on:
  - **To add Mike Gilmore and Tom Anderson to the church credit card.**
  - **To remove John Petrillo from the church credit card.**
    - **Brian O seconded the motion.**
    - **The Council approved the vote.**
- Beth also talked to Dave Theile about the Financial assistant position. He plans to start October 1, 2025.
  - 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 the rebranding of Faith Lutheran**

- Bridget, Brian G and Brad met with James, and haven't narrowed down initial options from James..
- It is a process, and there is more to come from James.

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

- He has added a Facility Committee and possibly a Hospitality Committee.
- Refer to the Committee list in the Google Docs folder for more information.
- There is more to come.

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

- **Brian G**
  - People are asking when we start worship at the new facility - More to come on this.
  - Global Methodist Church is looking for a trailer donation. We will consider giving them ours, once we are moved into our new facility.
- **Brad:**
  - Music Camp was a success! 17 children attended, some we didn't know. Many seeds were planted!
  - Kingdom City Gym gave away 130 backpacks on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our \$500 toward that giveaway was money well-spent.

#### **Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at UP!**

- Devotion will start at 6:30pm

- September reports are due by Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Staci Dowell, Church Council member