



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 14, 2013



Call to order: 12:31 pm
Roll Call

Scott Rife
Kate Blough

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___ Judy Bartram	Vice President	bartramdj@yahoo.com	502-548-4472
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___ Dan Diekhoff	Stewardship	dandwoodking@insightbb.com	812-256-4519
___ Kenny Hawkins	PLOT/Fin. Secretary	kennethhawkinsjr@insightbb.com	502-291-7573
___ Scott Rife	Secretary/Youth	ti3wood@yahoo.com	812-284-1157
___ Don Walker	Adult Education	Donald_wall@msn.com	812-283-9018
___ Rick Barr	Evangelism	rickb@bigfrog.com	812-207-7431
__X_ Mike Baugh	Property	elevenx@insightbb.com	812-256-2528

X denotes member not present.

Opening devotions: Kate asked Dan Diekhoff to offer the prayer since pastor was running late. Pastor joined the meeting and followed with a reading that was based on 1st Corinthians the 12th chapter. Today's devotion focused on, where are you in your Christian walk? Maturing, Growing, or stuck in place.

Exploring our vision & purpose: Kate presented a study guide from the latest Lutheran magazine. The series is titled "On Mondays: Go into the world" Exercises in this series will focus on what we do with the things that we do, learn, and say on Sunday. Do we live them the rest of the week? Look forward for more to come. Dan Diekhoff moved to accept the possibility of Kate using this guide during upcoming months. Scott Rife seconded, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Ken Hawkins moved to accept last month's minutes, Judy Bartram seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Dennis Johnson presented the treasurer's report. Dennis reported that at this point all bills have been paid, and we actually have some extra money, this money will come in handy during the traditionally lean giving times in the summer. Judy Bartram moved to accept the treasurer's report, Ken Hawkins seconded, Motion carried. *The Faith church council and congregation would like to thank the Dennis and Arlys Johnson for taking over the Treasurers duties.

Financial Secretary's report: Ken Hawkins presented the financial secretary's report. Faith averaged \$3431.96/week in contributions during March. Thanks to all who help contribute toward Faith's mission. Arlys Johnson moved to accept Ken's report, Rick Barr seconded, Motion carried.

Pastor's report: March was a busy month with many activities and visits during this month. Dan Diekhoff moved to approve pastor's report, Arlys Johnson seconded, Motion carried.

Council President's report: Kate shared information about what she and other council members had gathered from meetings, seminars, and inspections that they had attended since our last meeting. Kate also reported that a member of Faith has started a Facebook page, this page is in addition to our webpage. If you are a Facebooker check out Faith Lutheran on Facebook. Dan Diekhoff moved to approve the president's report, Rick Barr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adult Education Project: Don Walker updated council about the Adult Literacy Training program that Faith is looking into providing. Don met with officials from the state several times since our last meeting. Currently, there is only one literacy training facility in a 17 county southern Indiana area. There are currently no ESL (English as





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Second Language) facilities in this area for adults. 10,532 adults in Clark County are currently without a high school diploma or GED. Don informed us that the state has allocated monies for the period of January – June 2014 to help train people for this program. Currently, several people are helping Don further research this program, but they can always use more help. Don would like to have some members from the OWLS involved with this program. If interested contact Don Walker. Scott Rife moved to approve this report, Rick Barr seconded, Motion carried

Stewardship report: Will meet next Sunday after church. The stewardship team will look at expanding the scope of Stewardship to include more than just the traditional financial focus.

Evangelism report: Rick Barr is the new council liaison for the Evangelism team. Rick reported that as far as we can tell the postcards that were sent out before Easter had a .5% return. This number actually could be a little higher since some of the visitors on Easter Sunday didn't mark if they had attended because of the cards. The Evangelism team plans on sending out postcards prior to rally Sunday which will be on August 11th. Our second annual Homecoming event will be held on November 3rd. Dan Diekhoff reported that the theme will be on the line of "Past, Present, and Future." More details about this event will follow. Another new event titled "Theology on Tap" will be held May 20th at Sam's Tavern in New Albany. All members and friends of members 30 years old and under are encouraged to participate. Finally, the Evangelism team recommended that a "White Board" be placed in the Narthex to highlight events and information that doesn't necessarily need to be announced during the church service. In an attempt to streamline the in church announcement process it was recommended that a council member would be in charge of orally announcing any information that needed to be announced. Judy Bartram moved that the Evangelism team work on placement of a White Board in the narthex for announcements beginning in May. Scott Rife seconded, motion carried. The Evangelism team is also looking into the possibility of placing a congregational photo gallery in the narthex. Hopes are that this directory would assist current members and visitors with names and faces. Congregational members will be able to decide if they want their photos in this directory. Dan Diekhoff suggested a couple ideas for how this photo gallery could look. Arlys Johnson moved that the team look further into these ideas, Ken Hawkins seconded, motion carried. Pastor reported that we are looking into having the 3rd Sunday of each month be a time to recognize new members and also invite frequent visitors to join Faith.

Parish Education report: This year's theme for VBS will be "Tell it on the Mountain" VBS will be held July 8-12th from 9am-12pm each day. VBS will hold its traditional meal on Friday. Weekday church school will begin September 3rd. Adult Sunday school will take June off. There are no confirmation graduates this year so on Pentecost Sunday; Mrs. Taylor is looking at holding a reception for the congregation after church. As always there are needs for helpers during VBS and Weekday Church School, if interested see Mrs. Taylor. May 19th will be the last day of Sunday school. Rally Day will be held on August 11th. Ken Hawkins moved to accept this report, Rick Barr seconded, Motion carried.

Youth report: The youth will be at Lutheran Hills May 17-18th. They also will be travelling to Kings Island on June 27-29th. Faith was able to provide CLM with 1250 lbs. of food and goods during the Lenten collection period. The youth raised \$275 dollars from their Easter breakfast. The youth will donate \$75 to CLM to go along with the money collected for CLM during the Easter service. Dan Diekhoff moved to accept this report, Arlys Johnson seconded, Motion carried.

OWLS report: Will be visiting Lincoln Hills Home on May 1st. Soon Concert in the Parks will be beginning. The OWLS will be manning the table at this weekly event for all but four of the evenings. The youth will man the table for those four nights. Please remember that this is a total congregational effort and any profit from these sales goes toward great causes including helping the Wounded Warriors Thank the Johnsons and the James Rifes in their efforts to recently purchase athletic shoes for Wounded Warriors in Afghanistan. Finally, The OWLS yard sale will be held April 19th and 20th. Please bring your items to sell for this event on April 18th. Dan Diekhoff made a motion that the "Heavy Tables" be included as items for sale during this event. Ken Hawkins seconded, motion passed.

PLOT report: Ken Hawkins informed council about upcoming PLOT events. On May 5th there will be a congregational picnic. This is a pitch-in with the PLOT team providing the meat. On June 7th Faith members will attend a Bats game. Finally, on July 20th there will be a congregational swim party at the Taylors. Arlys Johnson moved to accept this report, Scott Rife seconded, Motion carried.





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PROPERTY report: Restroom signs have been presented and need to be placed. Rick Barr will be looking into a little different style of signs. Dan Diekhoff moved that the Property team be allowed to purchase range hoods to be placed above the ranges to satisfy code requirements. Don Walker seconded, motion carried. The Property team was given a list of code violations that the fire marshal found during a recent visit. All of the violations were small and will be handled by the Property team. Rick Barr informed council that all groups at Faith need to limit their use of color copies from the new copier. Printing any color copies is an expensive proposition for the church; Dennis Johnson received the first quarter's bill for copying and the color copies alone run about \$300.00.

Mutual Ministry report: Pastor provided the following description of Mutual Ministry. The mutual ministry team is composed of 3 lay people. Its purpose is to promote mutual ministry between pastor and congregation. The members are to take concerns of the congregation about the ministry of the parish to discuss at the meeting. They are also a sounding board for the pastor, a safe place for the pastor to discuss his/her concerns about the ministry of the congregation all discussions are held in strictest confidence. Current Mutual Ministry members are Robert Parish, Dick Klemens, and Cathy Holman.

Pastor-parish relations report: Pastor provided the following description of Pastor-Parish Relations. The pastor-parish relations team was developed to help pastor and congregation to meet the expectations established as a result of the September 2012 meeting of council and staff. They are to evaluate the goals of the expectations agreement and to adjust those goals accordingly.

OLD Business:

1. Where do we stand on the audit? Audit Complete! The audit of the 2011 and 2012 records was completed. The audit team would like to thank Bill Holman for keeping impeccable records.
2. Where do we stand on getting the signage done? The local Fire Marshal conducted a walkthrough of the facility. There were a few items that need to be addressed by the property team. New restroom signs will be placed soon.
3. Revision of the "Who to call" Many thanks go out to Judy Bartram for updating this list. It will be provided to the congregation.
4. **Coordinate shepherd lists** the shepherding list has been updated and will be put to use. Thanks, Arlys for your time and efforts on this project.
5. **Staff meetings on Tuesdays...** Judy attended the staff meeting last Tuesday and sent calendar information (see calendar handout) Judy asked to postpone reporting on this meeting until next meeting or the council workshop.
6. **Permission/usage forms:** *We had 1 non-faith member use the permission/usage form for the month of April.*
7. **Pastor-parish committee relation.** No report.





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8. **Website Calendar & events.** Rick is still updating the website as new information is given to him.
9. **Council retreat-** This event is tentatively scheduled for June 22nd at the Diekhoff castle.
10. **Financial Treasurer:** Once again Faith would like to thank Bill Holman for all of the time and effort he had put into the treasurers position over the last several years. Additional thanks go out to the Johnsons for taking over the Treasurer duties.
11. **Writing checks:** Approved members have been designated and have signed off at the bank.
12. Fire Inspection: Judy Bartram met with the fire marshal there where a few violation that will be addressed by the property team.

NEW Business

1. Patti's job description: New guidelines for the church secretary have been drawn up and will be provided if requested.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 6pm

Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm

