



Congregation Council Minutes

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Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

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Council Members in Attendance: Davis Carmichael, Nona Gram, Art Gurtel, David Holzboog, Ben Johnson, Scott Lester, Pastor McEachran, Kendra Mills, Steve Serex, Debbie Szabo, Pastor Telyea, Ann Thorpe, Mark Thorpe

Members Excused: Joni Barrott, Misty Weber

Staff Members in Attendance: Emily Harrow, Susan Hegedus, Will Simpson

The Council met for worship. Pastor McEachran gave a devotional word on Colossians 3:5-17.

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church was called to order at 7:24 pm by President Dave Holzboog.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Art Gurtel and seconded by Kendra Mills. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Telyea will start a sermon series starting Easter Sunday going through to Pentecost. Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministry have been working hard in how their ministries work together. There is more of a focus on how and what discipleship looks like rather than education. There will be some curriculum changes in the future to reflect that. Emily and Ann will be attending a conference on Adult faith formation. Pastor leaves in April for a class. Aim of class is to gain understanding of patterns of renewal in the church. Strategize how renewal changes impact the local. He will go back in September for a final class which completes his doctoral coursework.

Pastor McEachran shared a picture of his new grandson, Noah. He shared bulletins from services, memorials reflecting the work of the program staff. Worship has themes that is congruent with music. Take a look at CFH plan and its impact in Bellevue. Now has 18-20 staff members. They needed more space. Much of the staff relocated into the space downstairs. Clientele will meet at another location. In kind giving allows them to focus on their mission. Imagine Housing was highlighted in the Seattle Times. Outreach Committee is looking at a mission in NE India in partnership with Lutheran World Relief which would be a 4-5 year investment. There is connection with a family in our congregation. Second audit for Finances with Russ. Recommendation to collapse some of the memorial funds. Two funds already designated for Health and Wholeness. Proposal will come to

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Finance then the Council. He is reading a biography on Norman Rockwell. He shared a picture by Rockwell showing some good humor.

Council Orientation:

If unable to attend a meeting, please email Dave so he knows who will be in attendance and can share that information with pastors.

Dave spoke to what Pastor Telyea talked of last month regarding involvement as a council member. Deeper involvement allows us to be more visible and available to members of the congregation. He encourages us to each take a deeper role. The narthex is a great area to meet visitors or members you don't know. There is also always a need for communion assistants and ushers. A card from Health and Wholeness for Lutheran World Relief health kits was passed out. Dave challenges the council to collect items. Health and Wholeness collected items, put them together and presented to Stella Nieman. 140 kits were collected with support from Thrivent. Kendra volunteered to coordinate purchasing for the council. Kits will be packed and sent out end of April/beginning of May. Art will help coordinate as liaison to Health and Wholeness Committee. Goal is to bring items to the next council meeting in April.

Notebook – has council and staff rosters, as well as the constitution.

Constitution – Please read as a reminder of what our duties are and descriptions of committees. Pages 12-16 tell what the role of the council is. Dave highlighted some portions regarding those roles.

Liaison Assignments – This is not a role to run the committee meeting. Role is to communicate information between the committee and the council. Dave shared who will be liaisons for each committee. Pastors are ex officio members. If unable to attend a committee meeting, please notify committee chair.

Parochial report – Yearly “checkup” of the congregation. Pastor McEachran corrected a mistake on the form. Insurance will be with Church Mutual. This will provide the congregation with deeper coverage for the same amount of money we were previously paying.

Prayer partners – We drew names to pray for during the next six months.

Updates:

- Signage Working Group – Steve asked for clarification of what discipleship is and what vocabulary is being used. Pastor Telyea shared that emails were going around among the Signage Working Group. Need to identify what the wing is called to reflect the move away from youth focused education toward discipleship of all ages. Scott shared that there are many ideas of names for the wing, including those reflecting discipleship or words of mission statement. Name needs to be functional, yet flexible with possible future changes in mission. Task of group is to focus on naming portions of the building. Design Advisory Group is tasked with way-finding signage.
- Design Advisory Group – Will be having a meeting with Wolf Saar soon. Hope is to have information for the semiannual meeting in June.



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- Staff Transition Task Force – Will next meet in April. HR hopes to have position descriptions for the remaining open positions in place by then.

Finance/Treasurer Report:

It was decided that it was not necessary to have the treasurer at each council meeting to present the finance report unless there are specific concerns. As a council we saw that we have a positive cash flow of \$8772. Jerry Haralson will be at the April meeting. There is not much to spend from Share the Vision funds

Committee Reports, Actions, and Other Matters:

- Building and Property – Work party did not have much of a turn out. Clarification on frequency of work days. Will continue to have two per year. New chairs have arrived and make fellowship hall look nicer. Still need to figure out what to do with the old chairs. Pastor McEachran suggested that future work days communicate what the specific tasks will be and whether they would be kid friendly. Also helpful to have tasks throughout the year for those who will not be able to attend a work party.
- Christian Education/Youth and Family Ministries – Did not meet last month.
- Health and Wholeness Ministry – Had their annual retreat. Spent time on Christian journaling and planning activities throughout the year. Art shared the committee's ministry wheel. They spent time packing the health kits and served a Wednesday soup supper
- Outreach and Servant Ministries – Debbie reminded us that the Corner of Blessing focus is pork and beans. Shared that the Maasae Girls School now has solar panels on the chemistry lab building and is providing electricity for the entire campus. Committee talked about the status of the EFP warehouse. Dick and Jan Swaisgood are trying hard to organize the warehouse, but find that it gets in disarray from other groups. Hope to have a small group (council) to help with the project. May be a way to integrate Young Adult and Council. Marlyn Thorpe and WEBS help with Sofia Way. Debbie is excited about the mission for India as it is just another connection to our congregation.
- Communications – no report
- Worship and Liturgical Arts – no report
- Stewardship – no report
- Human Resources – no report

Staff Reports/Inputs:

Will shared there will be a lot of good music Holy Week and Easter. He will be participating at Bach in the Mall at Crossroads Mall March 19 from 4-4:30 along with members of Chancel Choir and The Emmaus Trio. He has been nominated by the American Guild of Organists for dean elect. Concert series at 3pm Sunday afternoons begins in April with Seattle Peace Chorus. It will continue in May with The Emmaus Trio and Tucson Girls Chorus in June. He encouraged council members to attend and wear nametags to show hospitality and as a form of outreach.



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PAFE will have a record number of participants. Saint Andrew's will host Chorister Guild for children's choirs in 2017.

Susan is getting ready for holy week services. Pastor McEachran commended her for her work on 4 memorial services in a short time period. Susan assisted those who came for the support of Eric Bean's family during that memorial service which was probably the second largest at Saint Andrew's.

Emily is getting a better understanding of her new role as Director of Discipleship. She is sitting in on some ABC classes to understand how things operate. She asked council members to come to fundraising events for the youth mission trips. Shows the kids that there are other adults they can connect with and learn from. Easter breakfast is coming up. Chili Cook-off not only supports the youth, but is a great fellowship opportunity for the entire congregation. She shared that there are multiple ways to be involved, and also welcomes ideas on discipleship. Crosswalk integrates tying of blankets with the learning. Sessions are led by volunteers. Students also requested that Emily provide time for them to color/watch cartoons/talk. Once a month they meet for Oasis, and allows them to just be kids without stress of homework. On a personal note, Adam is starting up a food truck in Portland and hopes to launch in May.

Other Business:

Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministry is seeking to become one committee. Art Gurtel moved that they be combined into one committee. Ben Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved. The committee is now called Discipleship Ministries.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Pastor Telyea reflected on the transfiguration story and the number of memorials we have had in our congregation. Jesus resolutely sets his face to Jerusalem knowing he will die. Families will need courage to face what will happen next. Holy week is a reminder to turn our faces in the direction of our faith instead of going through the motions. Hope is for council members to attend holy week services as a sign of leadership. He closed in prayer

Meeting was adjourned by President Holzboog at 9:06 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be April 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nona Gram
Council Secretary