



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: Joni Barrott, Davis Carmichael, Nona Gram, Art Gurtel, David Holzboog, Scott Lester, Pastor McEachran, Kendra Mills, Steve Serex, Debbie Szabo, Pastor Telyea, Ann Thorpe, Mark Thorpe, Misty Weber

Members Excused: Ben Johnson

Staff Members in Attendance: Emily Harrow, Susan Hegedus

Staff Members Excused: Will Simpson

Guest: Kurt Lutterman, Facilities Manager

The Council met for worship. Pastor Telyea talked of his recent trip to California. While there he visited LA skid row with a mission that has no building. There are many other charities there, but are not accessible to those who need them most. He asked what are we building at Saint Andrew's and why? We need to think of what our ministry is like and its purpose. The devotional reading was Colossians 1:24-2:5 where Paul talks of his measurement of mission is not a building.

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church was called to order at 7:17 pm by President Dave Holzboog.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Art Gurtel and seconded by Joni Barrott. Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Art Gurtel and seconded by Joni Barrott. Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.



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Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Telyea thanked Emily for preaching a few weeks ago. Integration between Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministries into Discipleship Ministries. Adult education sermon series went well. Lutheran Forum has asked him to write a response to a published article. That issue will come out in next couple months. Noah had his tonsils and adenoids removed and tubes put in ears. Appreciates the flexibility to take the time to care for him.

Pastor McEachran talked of the increased number of young families and singles. There has also been a lot of boy babies. There will be two baptisms on Sunday.

Outreach Ministries is in the forefront locally and the world. Congregations for Homeless luncheon was on Friday. Joni shared it was inspiring to hear those who spoke were people of faith. Dave shared that the key note speaker came up through the CfH system. Pastor McEachran shared that \$119,000 was raised at the luncheon. He passed around the program from the event. CfH now has 18 staff members and is working on creating year round shelters in partnership with Sophia Way.

He has been appointed to a technical advisory group regarding affordable housing in Bellevue.

Parish extends itself outside its walls. Quickly accessible to other groups.

Updates:

- Staff Transition Task Force – They will meet tomorrow at 6:30. Lois Nelson is new chair. They will look at the two remaining positions to be filled.
- Signage Working Group – Steve Serex reported there was a lot of discussion on naming the current education wing. The group recommended the name Education Hall to be consistent with Fellowship Hall. Exterior signage is being mocked up which is congruent with sign at the corner and helps to draw anyone to see that the back is the main entrance. Questions still remain regarding lighting. Money has already been set aside for this project. One recommendation was to remove the white cross at the corner. Art asked if there were any limitations regarding the signs. Kurt informed that there were guidelines from the City of Bellevue.
- Design Advisory Group – They went through pre-schematics. Anticipate recommendations at the June meeting.



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- Sound Transit Parking Lot Agreement – Kurt reported that the check is in the bank. Sound Transit paid the four year lease agreement all up front. The parking lot will be used to help mitigate parking while the South Bellevue Park and Ride is closed to build the light rail station and multi-level parking. Tentative start date for use by Sound Transit is in October. Metro will continue to lease parking spaces until Sound Transit takes over.

Finance Report:

Jerry Haralson reported that we are \$13,000 in the positive. Budget is well ahead where we are normally this time of year. Overall revenue is up \$6000. We are under budget in every area. Building and Property is mostly under budget. Saint Andrew's is \$29000 ahead of budget in the first four months. The amount of special offerings given can be affected by communications and how those are communicated. Pastor McEachran passed around the current funds report. He commended the monthly bulletin report. As the Council Rep to the Finance Committee, Joni asked members to share with her how much detail to include in publications.

Action Items:

- Summer Coffee Hosts – Committee assignments were passed out. If committee is unable to do assigned date, try to trade with another group. Liaisons need to notify committee chairs. Single service begins Memorial Day weekend.
- Parking Lot Improvements – There was a question as to how funds from Sound Transit will be spent. \$58,000 (includes \$11,000 for sealing and striping of Mormon lot) to make repairs to main lot and west lot. (noted in Building and Property Committee minutes) Paving the small gravel lot will provide 22 more spaces, but need to find out requirements from City of Bellevue during permit process. ST is requesting 50 spaces which includes 2 handicapped. Joni moved that we approve the committee's motion as written. Art seconded. Scott wondered if there would be room to provide a sidewalk from education hall to the street. He asked B&P to research that as it is a separate issue from parking lot. Motion to make improvements to parking lot as written in B&P minutes was voted on and approved unanimously.
- Education Hall Naming – Art moved that we rename the portion of the building Education Hall as recommended by the signage group. Nona seconded. Art asked if that swayed from the Discipleship mission. Pastor Telyea believes it does take away from that mission. Other names were considered but the group felt it was a matter of convenience. Pastor Telyea doesn't want us to name to the function of the building because function changes. Based on the discussion Joni believes we may not be ready to rename. Emily shared that there is more than education going in the rooms. Mark moved that we table

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until June when we can invite the signage group. Art seconded. Scott shared that the signage group is working on a sign for the building. Motion to table was voted on and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports, Actions, and Other Matters:

- Building and Property – Steve reported that there is need to evaluate the trees on the berm.
- Discipleship Ministries – Davis reported the committee talked about a new look to the ABC program.
- Health and Wholeness Ministry – Art reported that Pastor McEachran will be training the healing ministers. Committee is working on a survey for the congregation. It will be sponsoring a luncheon for Sophia Way on June 1. There was excitement around the number of health kits collected. Pastor McEachran commended Ruth Miller for her leadership in collecting the health kits.
- Outreach and Servant Ministries – Debbie referred to the committee minutes. She also shared personal news that she and Dick will become grandparents in December.
- Communications – Kendra reported that they packed health kits. They went over the website Susan is working on. Pastor Jim suggested the committee send a thank you to Mary Haakenson for her work with the committee.
- Worship and Liturgical Arts – no report.
- Stewardship – Joni reported the committee's work in brainstorming for this year's theme and the work to be intergenerational. They are currently looking at a theme of being Disciple fit, Spiritually fit, and Physically fit.
- Human Resources – no report.

Staff Reports/Inputs:

Pastor McEachran shared that Mary Mills is back from her time off after surgery.

Susan has been working on a new website and having fun doing it. Health and Wholeness survey will be ready for the bulletin May 22. Discussions have begun to start taking photos for new photo directory in the fall.

Emily has gotten minimal responses on the Discipleship survey. Chili cook off went very well, and \$3750 was raised. A nonmember donated an additional \$1000 for the mission trip. It was a wonderful intergenerational event. She thinks we will do this every year because it is a great time for fellowship. Jared Rowe will join the High School mission trip as another adult leader. Emily is still looking for an adult leader to go on the Fire Force



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mission trip. Sarah Getzinger and Marielle Face will be co-directors of VBS. She will need to relook at the way VBS is currently done, and if it will need to change in the future.

Other Business:

Pastor Telyea shared that he was asked by the synod office to release his call paperwork. Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah will be voting to call him in the coming weeks. There is nothing to announce to the congregation at this time. He passed out a sheet to help Council members to answer questions that may come up. He requests that this not be made too public, but he wanted to provide the Council with a tool to answer questions that may come up. While it is common practice for pastors to entertain new call opportunities, Pastor McEachran shared that it is rare to have a call inter-cluster (a congregation that is so close). Feel free to contact Pastor Telyea if there are any questions. He will notify the Council May 23rd. He has 30 days to accept if called. Both pastors see this as a spirit led opportunity even though there is an unknown and no decision has been made.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment:

Pastor McEachran asked the Council to take a deep breath. The congregation is strong. We need to be peaceful, hopeful, and not be afraid. Closed in prayer.

Meeting was adjourned by President Holzboog at 9:05 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be June 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nona Gram

Council Secretary