

# Woodlake Lutheran Church Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Present: Pr. Micah, Mary Olson, Laurel Johnson, Paul Olson, Carol Olson, Wayne Schmieg, Anne Schmieg, Anne Romstad, Anne Schauer, Orv Holland, Ed Morrow

The meeting began at 6:40pm in the courtyard.

Tom Rappe attended the open forum with questions on why we should have both a nursery and a Pray Ground. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that there will be another minute for mission talk and displays to follow to keep the congregation informed of the project. We appreciate Tom coming in and sharing his thoughts and concerns.

1. Carol Olson led devotions and brought treats to share. Thank you for both.
2. Agenda: two items were added to New Business; Ruvin's baptism, and parking lot policy. Anne R. motioned to accept the agenda with the new additions and Wayne seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes were sent electronically pre meeting and reviewed. Laurel motioned to accept the minutes as written. Carol seconded and motion passed.
4. Pastor/Staff/Commissioner Reports:
  - Sue Kelly is looking into a Dementia/Alzheimer educational series and will ask the other two collaboration churches to help with sponsoring one of three educational Saturdays this fall. More information to come.
  - Pr. Micah commented on some responses and discussions he has had regarding children during services in church. He is encouraged with our decisions and knows that issues may come up that need discussion, but to be done in a positive and respectful manner. Anne R. commented that the speed of the Pray Ground progress now seems perfect, and that she felt supported in all efforts.
  - Welcome desk: Pr. Micah sees four services the desk may provide;
    - that it falls under Congregational Life,
    - involving groups outside of Leadership Board to take leadership of the desk,
    - serve weekday roles,
    - serve weekend roles. Discussion followed including what are peak times to staff, and possible groups to aide in staffing.
  - Linda L. wrote a concise May report with short, medium, and long-term goals for each system she is involved with. Three Leadership Board proposals to be acted on were included.
    - First was to approve Linda L. to be an authorized signer on RBCU accounts and an approved check signer. It was noted that each check requires two authorized signatures, and the business administrator is one of five people authorized. Anne S. motioned to accept Linda Lutgen to be added as an authorized person for accounts and a signer for checks. It was seconded and the motion carried.
    - The second item was the housing allowance for Pr. Neal. Since there are no actual numbers to see and discuss, this item was tabled till the July meeting.
    - The third item was to approve a church credit card for Linda. Some contractors and bills are payed by card and not by checks. The pastor and head custodian are the other two card holders. Discussion ensued with the conclusion that the Executive board should decide this item.
  - It was also mentioned that Dustin is working on fixing and organizing the hardware to improve internet service, and he loves to clean and does a great job.
5. New Business:

- Scott emailed the Leadership Board the Richfield Collaborative Ministry Discernment and Development Path Proposal. This proposal is “to engage in a six month discernment, leadership development and community building among staff and leaders from the Richfield Collaborative and Richfield community members to explore how these congregations could partner to lead a path to re-imagine public ministry with the city of Richfield as our parish.” (first paragraph of proposal). Laura Johnson is the organizer (worked for Isaiah) and has led similar projects in many congregations. The cost would be \$3000/church. Discussion ensued. Laurel motioned to approve the proposal as written and to pay the \$3,000 as discussed. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - We will participate in the August 18<sup>th</sup> joint worship service with a picnic afterwards, and Woodlake is responsible for the main dish. Scott requested we decide what to serve and what the cost will be. Pulled pork and sloppy Joes were suggested. Last year Dave did the cooking at #5/person. Wayne will ask Dave for costs and suggestions for the picnic and report back at the July meeting.
  - Woodlake has a request from the Grief Coalition to be a location and to host meetings in the fall of 2020. They will meet from 4:30pm-6pm on Thursdays, September 24<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup>. We would need a coordinator from church for this to succeed. A couple names were discussed. Wayne proposed Woodlake Lutheran Church be the host church for the Bloomington-Richfield Grief Coalition from 9-24 to 11-12, 2020. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - Anne R. reported on ‘Drawn to the Word’. Paul Oman is an artist and minister who does a painting within an hour during a church service. His work is unique and could be a visual ‘turning point’ of focus for the 2020 mission. The fee is \$4000, and we get the mural style painting afterwards and we choose the theme. Wayne suggested we could ask people to contribute as a special fund. Paul has dates open in December and early 2020. We can also google ‘Drawn to the Word’ to see Paul’s bio and work. We will discuss more at the July meeting.
  - Kirsten H. inquired about the church having a reception for Ruvin’s baptism, possibly after a Sunday service with cake and announcements. After discussion it was decided that the church doesn’t provide individual baptismal receptions. The family or a sponsor may organize and provide one at church, however.
  - Pr. Micah questioned if there were parking lot policies. Apparently, a homeless person has been staying overnight in the church lot, and Pr. Micah has talked to him. The board decided we really shouldn’t need a parking lot policy or have a time limit, but people should not be using it as an overnight location. Pr. Micah will talk to him again.
6. Treasurer’s Report: Orv presented the financial report, and he and Ed commented on highlights. Overall the budget for May looks good with a current positive net income, even though the Endowment Fund’s market loss skews overall numbers. Ed reported that the heads on the sprinkler system will need to be updated. There was an O-ring recall in 2001 and expired in 2007. Question arose to why this wasn’t known or dealt with earlier, and there should be documentation for this. Ed will investigate and report back. There is also an outstanding \$6,700 compressor bill that they are negotiating. Wayne moved to approve the Financial Report as written and Carol seconded. Motion carried.
  7. 2020 updates were emailed ahead of this meeting.
  8. Anne R. motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded. The meeting ended at 9:09pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Reminders: July devotions and treats - Mary Olson

August devotions and treats – Anne Schmieg

August Messenger article due July 15<sup>th</sup> - Anne Schauer

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Schauer

