

## Faith Church Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

**May 27, 2021(date changed to 6/3) Meeting began at 6:30 pm; ended at 7:55 pm**

Minutes submitted by Donette Firnstahl

Amendment 6/21/2021: Discussion about closing the Clothes Closet. It was needed when it started but the community has filled this need and can offer more items and open more days than Faith Church could provide. Sorting and donating the items still in the Clothes Closet and giving to nonprofits.

**In attendance:** Pastor Karen Evenson, Scott Evenson (Kitchen Lead), Donette Firnstahl (Church Admin, Communications Team, Covid-19 Planning Team), Tom Hemish (Ad Council Chair), Cathy Hemish (Faith for Kids and Youth Lead), Ginger Stemme (SPRC Chair), Emily Svendsen (SPRC, Co-Lay Leader), Barb Truitt-Petersen (SPRC and Member-At Large), Bill Turner (SPRC At-Large Ad Council), Lois Voigt (Stewardship/Finance), Dee Parker (WOF Chair).

**Not in Attendance:** Beckie Duff (Finance Secretary), Steve Duff (Trustee), Ashley Folven (Trustee Vice Chair), Kathy Gunderson (Music Coordinator), Bob Heinle (Trustee/Head Usher), Cory Gressman (Lead Tech), Kim Lomas (Lay Leader), Norm Muzzy (Trustee Chair), Tyler Uilk (Connect Church Trustee/ Secretary), Mary Fiscus (Care Team, Covid Planning Team, Communications Team), Sandi Gressman (Treasurer).

**Devotions:** Barb Truitt-Petersen opened with devotions based on Isaiah 40:31 “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Asks us to think about “taking risks” with God alongside us (for instance with money and work).

**Opening Prayer:** Barb Truitt-Petersen

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** from Ad Council April 2021 meeting. Emily Svendsen made a **motion** to approve, second by Ginger Stemme. **Motion passed.**

### **Old Business:**

- Norm Muzzy, Tom and Cathy Hemish, and Scott Evenson will work together to order parking passes for the fair.
- Women of Faith and Men of Faith are working on fundraising events.
- FFYK – Cathy requests help spreading the word to get more applicants for the Youth Coordinator position.
- Trustees are working with Scott on the plan for the demo of the kitchen. The plan and timeline will come to the Ad Council before any demolition takes place.

### **New Business:**

### **Open Discussion:**

Pastor Karen would love to see the church in the community in new ways and to have a church camp/family camp planned for Summer or Fall 2021. She asked for people to consider helping to plan for this and choose dates for the camp. Looking at a long weekend in August and/or September. The camp likes to give groups something to work on around the camp when they come. They also have many activities including horseback riding nearby and golf course across the street. Northern Pines Camp is about 3 hours away, near Itasca State Park. Cathy H said she has Camp Ministries posters to put up at church and distribute and would love someone to help. Scott Evenson volunteered to help plan and suggests asking Ashley Folven as well. Camp is accessible in many ways.

### **Individual Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Karen Evenson (attached to agenda)  
Bishop's pastoral letter: Transitioning to "blue phase" regarding Covid restrictions

<https://www.minnesotaumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-s-pastoral-letter-transitioning-to-blue-phase-15260763>

**Communication Team:** We received a notice of property inspection by the Farmington Fire-Rescue scheduled for May 10th 2021 at 2:00. We passed, thank you everyone for your help to get this done!!

**Finance Report:** Treasurer, Sandi Gressman HVAC Funds Raised!!

**Trustees Report:** Norm Muzzy, Chair (May 20th meeting Attached to agenda)  
Norm did talk to Jake and the HVAC units are on backorder. They are looking to match the units that we have. Follow up inspection from the Fire Marshal is June 7, Tom thanked Donette for all that she has done to get us in compliance.

**SPRC Report:** Ginger Stemme, Chair (attached to agenda)

**Women of Faith Report:** Dee Parker, Chair

**Men's Group Report:** The Men's Group will be meeting at 8:30am the 3rd Saturday of each month, please come join us! Tom Hemish

**Care Team Report:** The Care Team will be making calls and asking for feedback about the latest newsletter that will be coming out in one or two weeks. We want to know if the content is relevant and what else they may want included. We will also ask if they are getting good information from this or do they need more on the internet etc. How can we get the information out to them? Mary Fiscus Care Team Lead.

**Kitchen Team Report:** Straw bales have been donated for 2021 planting--looking for donation of 6 more full-size bales and volunteers to help plant during the week of June 6-12. Oven will be cleaned in June--Mary Goetsch has done this for many years (*thank you, Mary*) and will train others to do this important job. Scott Evenson Team Lead

**Faith for Kids Report**

1. Youth Coordinator position – we will continue to keep the posting open. We feel at this time we need to move ahead with some youth planning even if we have not hired a coordinator.

2. June/July event – Movie Night - working with Dew Days committee to determine if we could be included in their materials for a Family Movie Night the Saturday evening of Dew Days.

3. Nursery – Alison Brown has volunteered to review the items in the nursery for safety

4. Dakota County Fair – researching if we could have a tent next to the Root Beer stand for a “service project” that youth at the fair could participate in.

5. FFYK committee seeks input from families on how we can support youth, family needs, etc. Will schedule a meeting with families. Cathy Hemish Team Lead

6. Cathy and Pastor Karen will be working on the mid-year report for the Investing in Congregations grant. No hire of staff yet may mean we don't receive all requested funds this season, but no worry--if we're not paying it out to staff, then not yet needed.

### **Music/Worship/Tech Report**

Cory Gressman Tech, Pastor Karen worship, Kathy Gunderson & Josiah Beretta, Music.

### **Other New Business:**

**Tom thanked all the committees for their work and feels Faith is doing amazing things.**

**All-church picnic is being planned for August 22, 2021. Sponsored by Women of Faith and Men of Faith. Renting the pavilion at Rambling River park for \$65.**

**Rod Stemme brought up the Financial Peace course and Saving Grace courses he's offering this summer starting in June. These are FREE for now, and important to take advantage of.** Pastor Karen commented that these types of courses are important ways for people to become better stewards of money, more confident, and for us to reach out to others in the community.

**Long term plan needs to be made regarding Loaves and Fishes beyond 2021.**

**Next Administrative Council Meeting: 4th Thursday on June 24 at 6:30 PM**

**Devotion volunteer for the next meeting?** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Action Items:**

1. Challenge to memorize Faith Mission Statement To be completed by : ALL
2. Check on Farmington Dew Days (RB Stand) To be completed by:  
Scott, Norm and Tom.
3. Sign up sheet to work the Root Beer Stand in the Newsletter and online.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Karen asked for each in attendance to share a word or words describing about where we are/need to be as Faith Church: Words shared: positive, compassionate, peace, taking action, reaching out, emerging, serving, doing the unexpected, gratitude. *And all the people said, AMEN.*

**Motion** to adjourn made by Scott Evenson, second by Cathy Hemish. **Motion passed.**