

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Notes
Thursday June 15, 2017

Present: John Duarte, Mark Waggoner Carol Gaskamp, Pr. Skip Wachsmann

Absent due to vacation: Dave Smith, Randi Ladolcetta

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

- Devotional: Viewed brief video from LEAD on Joy in Leadership
- Minutes from May 18, 2017 accepted as distributed
- Dwelling in the Word: Philippians 4:4-9 was the basis for reflection. Verses 8 and 9 in particular resonated with group members.
- Discerning prayer focused on where LOLLC is to be five years from now, and how do we get there

Old Business

- Communication Cluster Groups – tabled since Dave is council liaison
- Men's Prayer Fellowship –
 - Mark Waggoner reported that Erica Pratt's presentation to the group on Saturday (6/10) was well received. The group will explore further how and where to assist the clinic with property maintenance needs and in providing more consistent financial support.
 - Community Gardens – Follow up on discussion with property ministry:
 - Waiting to hear back from insurance on liability should someone get hurt on the property
 - Resolved fencing needed for deer protection
 - Watering concern: hoses will be used to reach the garden and options for preventing water waste from forgetting to turn a hose off are being explored, as are rain water collection barrels.
 - Discussed importance of the community garden being a LOLLC project, and not just the Men's Fellowship project
 - High School Sr. Scholarship: A panel of 3 is being assembled to review the scholarship applications
- Kid's Day Out (KDO) Proposal to expand their educational offering: Council decided by consensus to approve the request for more space, since the activity aligns with LOLLC mission of serving the community. John Duarte will contact the Finance Ministry team to meet with the KDO owners to negotiate use of expanded space

New Business

- RRISD request to use LOLLC space for expanding their 18+ Community Works Program to the west end of the district: This program operates during the academic year and provides transition services to students over the age of 18 who qualify for continued services after graduation but still need further assistance with independent living skills. The Council

decided by consensus to approve the request to use the café, since the activity aligns with LOLLC mission to serve the community. The program will be flexible to work around any scheduling conflicts for LOLLC use of the café. Two other ELCA congregations, Grace and Palm Valley, are also sites for RRISD special education programs, and have had good experiences with the programs.

- Master Plan discussion: The council requests the Finance Ministry team to investigate the possibility of a future loan through the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) for property development.
- Other: Youth Ministry was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM

Carol Gaskamp, Scribe