

## Lord of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday-February 22, 2018

### Attendees:

Pres. John Duarte, Vice Pres. Dave Smith, Members Carol Gaskamp, Brynn Waggoner & Randy Anderson, Pastor Wachsmann, Guest Tony Lopez

- Call to Order by Duarte at 6:32 PM
- Opening prayer offered by Duarte
- Floor given to Smith regarding devotional. Discussion occurred centering on uncertainty/unpredictability of the future and dealing with change. Waggoner asked to present devotional at next month's meeting.
- Duarte brings to floor review of last month's meeting minutes.
- Smith moves to accept last month's (01/18/18) minutes. Gaskamp seconds. Approved by consensus.
- Dwelling in the Word agenda item brought to floor by Duarte. Anderson and Waggoner each read 1 Samuel 17: 38-49. Roundtable Council discussion followed on meaning and significance of this Bible reading.
- Duarte brings to floor agenda item of Discerning Prayer. Smith states his uncertainty about what this means and how to do it. Pastor Wachsmann leads discussion on this in that prayer is talking and listening (therefore silence is OK) to God. (Tony Lopez arrives at 7:20.) Prayer is a hard thing to stay focused in and comes in a multitude of ways. Pastor Wachsmann suggests googling "discerning prayer" for powerful enlightenment referencing Priest/Author Henri Nouwen.
- Order of the Day agenda item brought to floor by Duarte with floor being given to Lopez who proceeds with discussion of youth ministry plans focusing on fellowship and upcoming events. (Camping coming up at Jim Hogg Park at Lake Georgetown, Easter Breakfast). Discussion on difficulty filling position and small number of youth participating. Smith expresses gratitude to Lopez about what a good job he is doing despite not be a professionally trained youth minister. Explore joining with other youth groups at other churches. Pastor Wachsmann talks about upcoming Missional River possibilities with Peace Lutheran and youth group combination. Youth is 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru senior year of High School.
- Duarte brings to floor a Welcome to Waggoner and Anderson. Each council member shares their faith journey so far to promote team building.

### Old Business.

- Duarte opens discussion on Ministry of Property Team Lead. Roundtable council discussion occurs regarding absence of Team Lead from regular church worship. Need to make a decision on future of position. Discussion followed. Pastor Wachsmann proposes a soft landing in letting Team Lead finish in 4 months at end of his term. Agreed to by consensus. Potential replacement candidate Team Lead is identified.
- Duarte brings to floor Ministry of Congregational Life Team Lead. Pastor Wachsmann proposes a trial vacancy to see if this position is needed. Ad hoc it and see how it goes. Affirmed by consensus.

- Duarte brings to floor discussion on Annual Meeting Evaluation. Roundtable council dialogue occurs on attendance, issues and Annual Meeting items.
- Duarte brings to floor discussion on Town Hall meeting including a flowchart on Ministries at Work. Pastor Wachsmann suggests writing notes of thanks to attendees of the Town Hall Meeting.
- Duarte suspends further business for later action.

#### **New Business**

- Duarte opens up floor for election of council officers.
- Anderson nominated Duarte for President. Vote held and consensus in favor.
- Duarte nominates Smith as Vice President. Smith has reservations about 2 males as Executive Leadership officers. Smith nominates Gaskamp as Vice President. Gaskamp agrees. Vote held and Gaskamp is affirmed with consensus.
- Smith nominates Anderson as Secretary. Anderson agrees. Anderson affirmed by consensus.
- Pastor Wachsmann states Smith and Denise Shehann are voting members to synod assembly.
- Pastor Wachsmann states Mark Waggoner, Shannon Anderson, Randi Ladolcetta and Yuki Miyamoto-Mendez are Missional River 2.0 team members.
- Pastor Wachsmann states he will begin a worship and communing ministry at Heritage Nursing Center starting March 3.
- Pastor Wachsmann offers closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Anderson, Secretary