

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Meeting Notes

Present: Pr. Skip Wachsmann; John Duarte; Brynn Waggoner; Dave Smith; Carol Gaskamp
Randy Anderson is excused. Gaskamp is volunteer scribe.

6:35 p.m. President John Duarte called the meeting to order and provided the opening prayer

Devotional: Gaskamp shared a poem, "Empty" by Kelly E. Largent, *Christian Century*, 4/11/18 issue

Previous Meeting's Minutes accepted by consensus

Dwelling in the Word: Acts 8:26-40 (Missional River's theme text). Most of discussion centered on idea of 'wilderness' (v. 26) and what God accomplishes in the wilderness, in God's time.

Discerning Prayer: Items for Discernment include Leadership Development, One Year Goal, Five Year Vision. Pr. Wachsmann shared an insight about Missional River being a tool for leadership development. He also requests each council member to think and pray about mentoring other LOLLC participants to grow others as leaders.

Old Business

- Sunday Worship @ Heritage Nursing Center – Pr. Wachsmann learned that there are weekly communion services by both Roman Catholic and a Protestant Christian Fellowship group at the Center. Pr. Wachsmann decided LOLLC's service would be duplicating what is already offered, so LOLLC will not provide an additional service
- Davis Springs Commercial Property Association Membership – John Duarte will ask Randy Anderson to attend the next and gather more information on how the funds are spent, and why LOLLC is a member of this group. Dues assessed for membership will not be paid until the organization can be accountable for expenditures.
- Request for Auditor by Ministry of Finance – John Duarte reports that the finance committee has been unsuccessful in identifying 2-3 people to conduct an audit. People from another church could conduct audit since they are external to LOLLC. Duarte will reach out to Pr. Carolyn at Peace Lutheran to see if they could assist with an audit. Accounting students at Austin Community College, and other groups that support not-for-profits were also discussed as sources for audit help.

New Business

- Cottage Meetings Planning – Council discussed focus of cottage meetings will be relationship building, as suggested by the goal for having the cottage meeting. Gaskamp will provide some suggestions for relationship building activities and a general outline for the format of the meeting. Smith will send out the cluster area lists; there are 6 clusters and 5 council members (2 live in the same cluster), so some adjustments will need to be made. Target date will be sometime in June. Plans for meetings will be further defined at the next council meeting.
- Continued Direction of Council – implementing the strategic plan and continued focus on ministry in the community beyond LOLLC will be the direction of the council for this year.
- Ministry of Congregational Life Team Lead – Council decided by consensus to suspend Chapter 13.07.02 of the LOLLC constitution and not at this time appoint a lead for the Congregational Life ministry. So far, ad hoc groups and individuals are fulfilling the hospitality function of the Congregational Life ministry.

Closing Prayer led by Pr. Wachsmann

9:09 p.m. Adjournment