

Lord of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday-July 19, 2018

Attendees:

President John Duarte, Vice-President Carol Gaskamp, Members Brynn Waggoner & Randy Anderson, Pastor Wachsmann

- Call to Order by Duarte at 6:28
- Member Smith has excused absence per Duarte.
- Opening prayer offered by Duarte
- 6:30 Devotional offered by Duarte on clear boundaries. Truth, integrity are desires for man by God. Very important words in light of the current times.
- 6:36 Duarte brings to floor review of last month's Minutes. Approved by consensus.
- 6:43 Duarte brings to floor Dwelling in the Word. Acts 2: 42-47. Discussion occurs on what the many wonders and signs were and how we are to be like children in their innocence as doorways to Christ. For instance, selling our possessions to give them away is now a totally foreign concept to the modern western world. Power of the meaning of the word "devoted". Implies intentionality. Things described in these verses were done with purpose and intent. Power of community is stressed not what would Jesus have done. One's faith can be a very personal thing. It is okay to be venerable in your faith community but it can be hard because of trust issues with the community. There was an interdependency in this group in these verses.
- 7:13 Duarte brings to floor a time for Discerning Prayer. Prayer proceeds for Youth Ministry, One Year Goal and Five Year Vision.

Old Business

- 7:42 Duarte brings forth discussion of Home Owner's Association fee levy/Business Association membership. Duarte and Anderson suggests various strategies. Lord of Life (LoL) is on the commercial side of the Association which seems to be having funding shortfalls. Marcos Pizza, Davis Springs atty. contact, Catholic Church, all need more effort. Council agrees to follow up with John Jacks (atty.) and Deacon Walker with the Catholic Church.
- 8:05 Waggoner presents on Youth Ministry. Hiring a full time Youth Minister is not a magic bullet cure-all. Waggoner met with Erica Smith and Tony Lopez to brainstorm on ideas. Program approach (strategic view) vs. just hiring a youth minister approach (tactical view). Look at it macro, taking the strategic viewpoint. Budget constraints are very real as to what we could offer. Collaborative effort with Peace Lutheran is suggested and their Youth Minister. Waggoner and Gaskamp will contact Peace Youth Minister. Peace has an established youth program. Cooperation and collaboration is not a bad thing. It is progressive change. Modeling change behavior/thinking by Council. \$7500.00 is in the budget for this. What does it buy us becomes the question. Precedent is already in place with a collaborative confirmation initiative. Will report in August on outcome of Peace outreach.

- 8:30 Pastor Skip reports Mike Kamensky does not feel called at this time for Property Ministry Team Lead. Pastor Skip will meet with Gene Kaloustian for further discussion.
- 8:32 Immigration update by Gaskamp. Signed letter was mailed to Homeland Security, selected Senators and Representatives.
- 8:34 Cottage Meetings discussion. Council members report a generally positive experience. Waggoner expressed some frustration with the process and attendance response. Pastor Skip brings up a critique of what went well, bad and what was completely missed. Human nature problems with the RSVP process just happens. Missed the boat on the "save the date card" which was never sent out. Create a master list of those that participated. Anderson will prepare a master list upon receipt from other Council Members.
- 8:58 Duarte brings forth auditor recommendation. Reece Rozell as recommended by Dick Fink. Finance Ministry team has put together an audit assistance and support team of Duarte, Anderson and Barbara Petry. Gaskamp moves to accept Finance Ministry Team recommendation, Anderson seconds, passes unanimously.
- 9:07 Duarte brings up Pride Parade. Council is informed on parade/festival details. LoL financial share/obligation is approximately \$50 dollars.
- 9:16 Pastor Skip leads in closing prayer.
- Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Randall W. Anderson, Secretary