

December 8, 2015

RE: Our Savior Lutheran Church
Norfolk, NE
1501

Minutes of the Committee Meetings

November 9, 2015 Meetings

Discovering our Future Together

The minutes of all committee meetings are shared in order for all groups to maintain awareness of the coordinated work of the groups working together in the work of the church. The following notes and comments apply:

1. General comments for all meetings

1. Opening Devotion – Romans 5:1-8
2. We reviewed the City Planning Commission's decision to APPROVE the application for re-zoning the Eagle Distribution Building
 - a. Next step is the City Council approval (currently scheduled for December 21st at 5:30pm)
 - b. All are encouraged to contact their city council member to share their desire
3. All meetings opened and closed with prayer.

Proposed Agenda items for all committees at the opening of the next meeting:

1. **Opening Devotion –**
2. **What's next –**
3. **Other**

2. Mission and Ministry Committee

Present: Pastor Ryan, Trish Weander, Kelsey Miller, Jordon Miller, Dennis Beltz, Nancy Schulz, Barb Carstens, Christine Eckberg, Rosemary Goetsch, James Nord

1. Several new and several continuing items are underway
2. The Christmas Gift is moving along well.
 - a. a trailer is available
 - b. donation boxes are out to the area churches
 - c. Donations are coming in, \$6,000 at the time of the November 9 meeting
 - d. Volunteers are needed
 1. sorting gifts
 2. shopping
 3. selling December 11, 12, 14 (two hour stops)
 4. clean up
 - e. 94 Rock will also gather and share gifts
 - f. it will be a mobile gift shop, relocating throughout the city
 - g. a shopping blitz will be arranged
 - h. there is a special fundraiser selling candied pretzel rods, all proceeds will go to the Christmas Gift
3. Our Savior Lutheran is participating on caroling at the city lights festival on the 24th of November
 - a. 30-40 folks are signed up

- b. three team per hour will participate
 - c. costumes will be provided
 - d. we will use the van as a shuttle from church
- 4. An added idea was shared, OSL can host a block party in the spring
- 5. Kings Kids hosted Trunk or Treat, and it was a big success.
- 6. Youth will be delivering Christmas cookies on December 6th
 - a. Shut ins
 - b. Nursing homes
 - c. Rescue Mission
 - d. etc
- 7. The Community Audit is underway
 - a. a panel discussion, including the mayor, school administration, county judge, Chief of Police, newspaper editor, realtor, etc will be held at OSL on two sessions.
 - 1. Dates are December 1 at 7:00pm and December 6 at 12:00noon
 - 2.
- 8. Jordan is working on arranging a Concordia Concert Choir tour stop in Norfolk
 - a. Potentially at the Johnny Carson Theatre
- 9. Jordan continues to seek added volunteers for
 - a. readers
 - b. greeters
 - c. musicians
 - d. other

Proposed Agenda items for the Mission/Ministry Committee at the next meeting:

- 1. Work during process**
 - a. involved**
 - b. engaged**
 - c. informed**
- 2. b-salty**
 - a. The Christmas Gift - update**
- 3. Community Audit**
 - a. Update**
 - b. Follow-up**
- 4. Other**

3. Funding and Finance Committee

Present: John Pile, Kenny Weander, Pastor Ryan, Ron Stauffer, Doug Sunderman, James Nord

- a. It was reported that the Advisory team is in place
- b. Mike has been receiving calls from the banks on financing
 - 1. we will give them all the same package of information
 - 2. we will receive sealed bids on the financing package
- c. We discussed year end gifts
 - 1. we can be in a position for designated funds to be Year End gifts
 - a. we will set a Building Fund to receive the gifts.

Proposed Agenda items for the Funding/Finance Committee at the next meeting:

- 1. Financing**
 - i. Purchase Property**
 - 1. Long Term Financing update**
- 2. Kairos**

- i. **Advisory Team Review**
 - ii. **Volunteers**
 - iii. **Vision Statement**
3. **Other**

4. Building and Planning Committee

Present: Kent McCallum, Pastor Ryan, Jordon Miller, Andrea McGregor, Phillip Rardon, Doug Sunderman, Gordon Adams, Randy Wilcox, Mark Johnson, Eric Neemeyer, Bradly Eckberg, Melvern Horst, Bill Barritt, Robert Reed, James Nord

1. In addition to the general items recorded above the committee reviewed:
 - a. We reviewed the concerns expressed by the industry partners in detail
 1. we have addressed each of the concerns individually, and believe that we have a very safe site, safer than our current site.
2. The committee discussed and affirmed that it is not the intention of Our Savior Lutheran Church to build a school on the site.
3. We discussed the serious time and financial setback that would happen if we are not able to acquire the building.
 - a. though if the measure fails, we need to look at other options too
4. A question was raised whether we will be able to meet the expenses of a larger building.
 - a. the proposed budget for 2016 starts to build up to the increased budget
 1. the financing committee reviewed an extrapolation of the costs to affirm that the larger building is within the means of Our Savior Lutheran Church.
 2. This is further affirmed that the bills are all paid for the current consultants and building costs out of our current offerings.
5. We discussed the RLUIPA laws.
 - a. this law outlines that government cannot block the church with zoning restrictions.
 1. this is a real threat to an error in decision making which is possible if the City Council fails to approve the relocation of the church to the selected building/land

Proposed Agenda items for the Building Committee at the next meeting:

- 1. Zoning Review**
- 2. Plan review**
- 3. Alternate Site Review**
- 4. Other**

The next series of meetings is as follows:

December 14th - Mission/Ministry – 5:30pm
Funding/Finance – 6:30pm
Building/Planning –7:30pm

December 21st - City Council Hearing – 5:30pm
ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

This represents my understanding of the contents of our meeting. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Minutes will be forwarded via email, hard copies will be distributed upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: committee members (via Church Office email)
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