

February 18, 2016

RE: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Norfolk, NE  
1501

## **Minutes of the Committee Meetings**

February 8, 2016 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 – 2 Corinthians 4
2. A review of current re-zoning work in process was reviewed
  - a. Board of Adjustment ruled 5-0 to agree with the ruling by the city planner that the land in question is intended to be commercial in the comprehensive plan
  - b. The Board of Adjustment ruling has been appealed to District Court by Vulcraft
  - c. The re-zoning is taking the expected track of approve, appeal, repeat.
    1. We are currently holding conversations with Vulcraft
      - a. to seek to be good neighbors and find common ground to allow us each to inhabit the neighborhood
      - b. talks are going well
3. The first stages of the capital campaign have begun.
4. 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 –**
  - a. **Update on negotiations**
  - b. **Update on hearings**
3. **Other**

#### **2. Mission and Ministry Committee**

Present: Pastor Ryan, Trish Weander, Kelsey Miller, Jordon Miller, Dennis Beltz, Rachel Rardon, Mark Clausen, Susan Macklin

1. "What can we do in a new facility that we cannot in our present facility"
  - a. "Laundry of Love" is an opportunity, visit a Laundromat
    - i. give folks coins for laundry
    - ii. give detergent
    - iii. give baskets
  - b. Help develop youth programs in Norfolk
    - i. Basketball program
    - ii. Youth in the Community (service projects)
    - iii. Homework help/Afterschool rec Program
  - c. Adult Bible Studies
  - d. Christian Rock Concerts
  - e. More efficient use of our human resources

- f. More efficient use of space for worship and programs
- g. Fellowship Opportunities for
  - i. Seniors
  - ii. Adults
  - iii. Kids
  - iv. Youth
- h. Develop a visitors center/welcoming center
- i. Keep people in the building after worship for faith development
- j. Rooms will be more conducive for kids and youth ministry= more kids!
- k. Music program for youth
- l. Develop social gathering spaces
  - i. make it home
  - ii. use for adult Bible study/programs
- m. Offer space to the community for meetings/gatherings/etc
- n. Create a "one stop shop" like a student union on a university campus
- o. social, food, books, activities
- p. Develop a "job skills" program
- q. expand daycare offering
- r. concerts
- s. guest speakers/presentations
- t. Assimilation of new members can be reality
- u. Community welcome center (Community Fair)
  - i. quarterly event to gather reps from:
    - 1. realtors
    - 2. utilities
    - 3. schools
    - 4. churches
  - ii. to share with new members of the community
- v. Expand "the Christmas Gift"
- w. Shoe box program
- x. Food Pantry location
  - i. need to handle 250 people
  - ii. need to handle pallets of food from trucks
- y. Host missionary presentation
- z. Disaster relief headquarters
- aa. Project Homeless Connect (hope to launch spring 2017 – need a space)
  - i. meet basic needs
  - ii. personal care
  - iii. laundry truck
  - iv. dentist
  - v. eye screening
  - vi. doctors
- bb. WIC distribution
- cc. Music Education space
- dd. dances (daddy/daughter dance)
- ee. Celebrate Recovery programs
  - i. divorce
  - ii. kids programs
  - iii. addictions
  - iv. widow care
  - v. anti-bully programs
  - vi. etc
- ff. Build a Habitat for Humanity home right on site! (inside!)
- gg. Basketball and Volleyball leagues
- hh. Banquet space for neighbor's holiday gatherings/meetings

- ii. Build float for the parade
- jj. and more! (we ran out of time)

**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. **What now?**
    - i. **New ministries we can do in a larger building**
      1. **External**
      2. **Internal**
3. **Community Audit**
  - a. **Update – second listening session in March**
  - b. **Follow-up**
4. **Other**

**3. Funding and Finance Committee**

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

- a. It was reported that the silent phase of the capital campaign is underway
  1. the schedule is in place
  2. First presentation will be February 16<sup>th</sup>
- b. Financing options were briefly discussed
  1. Mike and John met with LCEF

**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 Update**
    1. **Quiet phase update**
  - ii. **Volunteers**
  - iii. **Vision Statement**
3. **Other**

**4. Building and Planning Committee**

Present: Kent McCallum, Pastor Ryan, Jordon Miller, Andrea McGregor, Phillip Rardon, Randy Wilcox, Eric Neemeyer, Bradly Eckberg, Melvern Horst, Jason Doele, Cleve Stolpe, Niki Peterson, Robert Reed, James Nord

1. In addition to the general items recorded above the committee reviewed:
  - a. Jason reviewed the procedure for the appeal by Vulcraft to the District Court
  - b. We are currently working on a reasonable compromise with Vulcraft
    1. Pastor Lee has been meeting with Troy for several weeks
    2. Conversation has been good, and we seek additional progress
    3. Do not yet know the schedule
  - c. Purchase agreement remains in place

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

- 1. Zoning Review**
  - a. Negotiations with neighbor**
  - b. Waiting for District Court Hearing**
  - c. City Council hearing to follow**
- 2. A/E startup**
  - a. Area we ready?**
  - b. Timeline**
- 3. Selling of the current building**
  - a. Valuation**
  - b. Timeline**
- 4. Other**

**The next series of meetings is as follows:**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - Mission/Ministry – 5:30pm**  
**Funding/Finance – 6:30pm**  
**Building/Planning –7:30pm**

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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