

May 5, 2016

RE: Our Savior Lutheran Church
Norfolk, NE
1501

Minutes of the Committee Meetings

April 26, 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 – The Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:28-32
2. A review of current re-zoning work in process was reviewed
 - a. District Court – potential appeal by Vulcraft
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 –**
 - a. **Update on negotiations**
 - b. **Update on Zoning**
3. **Other**

2. Mission and Ministry Committee

Present: Kelsey Miller, Jordon Miller, Dennis Beltz, Barb Carstens, Pastor Ryan, Rosemary Goetsch, Ryan Kimes, Nancy Schulz, Susan Macklin, James Nord

1. We talked of the Confirmation Service held at Johnny Carson Theatre
 - a. Worship was held in two buildings
 - i. Confirmation at Johnny Carson Theatre
 - ii. Worship at Our Savior
 - b. More than 600 in attendance (last year, 400 in attendance)
 - c. The FIT team served
 - i. minor glitches
 - ii. need leadership
2. Future additions to the FIT team will include
 - a. Parking assistants
 - b. Good time to have this team in place is kickoff Sunday in August
3. We talked of the upcoming VBS to be held at Lutheran High
 - a. church information packets will be prepared
 - b. concern for the neighborhood kids who may miss out because of a lack of transportation
 - c. We will be using Planning Center to assist with check in and security for the children
4. Jordan reviewed the potential of Planning Center
 - a. operates on WiFi system
 - b. allows for check in via smart phone

- c. prints labels for kid's nametags
 - d. can record photos of kids/parents for added security
 - e. we will use VBS as a test for how well it works for us
 - f. serves to develop a powerful database to allow us to track members and visitors for follow up
 - g. very useful for member care ministry
 - h. check in could be cumbersome for those without phones
 - i. kiosk check in may slow people down as well
 - j. could help the visitor be more familiar with OSL
5. We talked about the forthcoming Round Table discussion
 - a. could involve current small groups to activate a few of the suggested needs
 - b. will likely work from broad questions to specific questions addressing the panelists point of view
 6. We spoke of Small Group Ministry
 - a. Pastor Ryan has been calling folks in the "millennial generation" to be leaders
 - b. Thus far, it's been a slow process to gain leaders
 - i. Susan volunteered to serve as a leader of a new group
 - c. Perhaps a change in plans may reach out to the 60yrs old and over group to start
 - d. Younger families may still need to warm up to the idea of small group ministry
 7. Softball has been going well...

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

- 1. Zoning Update**
- 2. Other**

3. Funding and Finance Committee

Present: John Pile, Mike Wilke, Ron Stauffer, Pastor Ryan, Doug Sunderman, James Nord

1. Reviewed the status of the lead gift campaign
 - a. going very well, despite knowing the status of the building!
2. We reviewed the current status of the zoning, and a potential timeline for the campaign based on the slow movement of the zoning.

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

- 1. Zoning Update**
- 2. Other**

4. Building and Planning Committee

Present: Eric Neemeyer, Melvern Horst, Robert Reed, Niki Peterson, Randy Wilcox, Jordan Miller, Kent McCallum, Phil Rardon, Mark Johnson, Doug Sunderman, Andrea McGreagor, Pastor Ryan, James Nord

1. Discussion opened and centered on the status of the zoning
2. The group, as a whole, is disappointed with how slow the process is going
3. The process is currently slowed due to the negotiations with the industrial neighbors
 - a. many expressed the concern that we don't need to negotiate, as the we been blessed with positive votes at the:

- i. Planning Commission
 - ii. Planning Commission Appeal
 - iii. City Planning Director's ruling
 - iv. District Court Judge's ruling
- 4. We were reminded that the current plan follows the Norfolk Comprehensive Plan to the letter.
 - a. we are not bending or stretching rules to make this work
 - b. we are following the city's plan
- 5. It's possible that we will need to remind the congregation how we made this selection over remodeling or relocating to a new site

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

- 1. Zoning Update**
- 2. Other**

The next series of meetings is as follows:

May 9th - **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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