



# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## Church Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 26, 2017 @ 6:00pm

### Invited Attendees:

Kerri Ast	X	Laine Loff	X	Marie Leafblad	A		
Carolyn Byrd	A	Chris Ojstrsek	X				
Cherie Callies	X	Rob Rueth	A				
John Heidke	X	Terry Wussow	X				
Scott Koerner	X						

1. **Opening Devotion** --- Kerri opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Be still. Savor the moments. Taking it slow does not kill time, but rushing from one thing to the next does.
2. **Introduction of Pr. Steve** -- Pr. Steve told us a little about his children. And about his experiences the first week of his interim at St. Luke.
3. **New Business**
  - a. **Gaga pit liability** -- John had researched this prior to the pit being built and he is confident we are covered under our current insurance policy. There also is a state recreational immunity statute that may offer some protection in some situations. We should not collect fees for usage of the pit. We should have gaga ball pit users/parents sign a waiver/disclaimer especially if we host/organize/sponsor an event. Posting a sign: Our liability insurer recommends posting a sign. We should research the signage on other pits, or maybe at a skate park. Posting hours should be done. Important to note that any verbal agreements made with users should not contradict signage or posted rules. For example: if sign states it closes at 9 pm, no exceptions should be allowed "just this once". **Marie:** please note 1) Signed waivers are required from event participants, 2) Council approval will be required for any planned events. **John and Michelle:** get something in writing from Church Mutual that states we are covered. **John** agreed to be point person for this.
  - b. **MET nominees** -- The nominees that wanted to be considered were entered into a demographic listed on the whiteboard. We were blessed with many talented and willing nominees. There were enough "yes, definitely" nominees, that we didn't need to consider the "yes, if you need me" nominees. Only the Senior and Family/No Children categories were empty. John nominated Sue Heidtke for Senior category. Some categories had 3 nominees and women outnumbered men. We removed women who were in the fuller categories in order to balance the demographics. Tough to choose who to remove, but we may use them to fill call committee positions later in the process. The selected Met team will consist of 9 members (Robert Traylor, Dan DeSnoo, Jerilyn Kind, Beth Johnson, Sue Heidtke, Roger VanRysin, Bonnie Fischer, Cindy Jahn, Lori Pedrick), Darin Seivers, and Pastor Steve. It was decided that no council member was needed on the MET. Communication to Council could be accomplished through Pastor or through a member attending a Council meeting.
    - Next Steps:**
      1. Confirm with the selected nominees by Monday, July 3rd. **All:** Council members will contact the nominees they initially contacted to confirm they are still willing to serve.
      2. **After** the MET members are confirmed, communicate gratitude to those who have participated in the process so far, especially those who offered to serve. Reiterate that we needed specific demographics represented on the MET and that there will be more opportunities for volunteers in the process ahead. This can be communicated as one of the three bullet points in worship after our next Council meeting. **All:** Council members may want to reach out personally to the nominees that



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were not selected for the MET. Stephanie and ?: A thank you will be put into the announcements, Making Waves... the week of July 2nd.

3. Pr. Steve and/or Terry: Kristin will be contacted to arrange MET orientation. Google poll can be sent to MET. Council members may be invited to attend as well.

c. Pastoral coverage for Pr Steve's vacation. **Scott is still working on finding coverage for 7/9 worship. Pr. Steve is arranging coverage for pastoral care calls.**

**Meeting closed at 8 pm with The Lord's Prayer**

Meeting Agenda respectfully submitted by Cherie Callies, Council Secretary

CC:

Council Members

Pastor Steve Clingman

Michelle Kiekhaefer

Marie Leafblad

Shelly Schulteis

Stephanie Bill