

## MINUTES OF ST. MATTHEW DVB MEETING

July 21, 2021

The July DVB meeting was once again held in person in Pastor's office and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Jason Zemke.

Pastor Hugo led the meeting with an opening prayer.

**Members present:** Pastor Hugo, Jason Zemke, Lisa Neaderhiser, Mike Alm, Brad Cornelius, Larry Betzold and Teresa Anderson.

A motion made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda.

A motion made, seconded and carried to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

**Teaching Time/Staff Report: Pastor Hugo** Pastor combined the teaching time with the Staff Report. The staff reconvened at Silverwood Park July 20<sup>th</sup> and shared their goals for the upcoming discipleship year with the theme "Follow Jesus". The following is a brief synopsis of the goals:

Carol: Not present, as she was in KS caring for her Mom, but will narrow down her considerable goal list

Sarai: Concentrate on building 5 new Befrienders and create 2 grief share teams and solidify the audiovisual team for on-line services.

Brenda: Recruit and train new Sunday school leaders; organize a monthly "Follow Jesus" activity and reboot the LIFT intergenerational SS worship program.

Faustina: Create program to emphasize life goals topics for the youth; recruit and train one male leader for the group; Work on fund raising and planning for National Youth Gathering

Julie Allen: Work on transforming the St. Matthew website; Continue/revise gas card ministry

Julie Sventek: Teambuilding activities for DCLC staff; organize a "Parent's Day Out" the Saturday before Christmas for the parents of DCLC students.

Martin: Increase Bible learning opportunities for Gloria Dei; Build/serve outreach prospects.

Pastor: Create opportunities to grow and develop servant leadership; Increase the size/scope of St. Matthew Bible Study offerings.

All staff will continue with their "Follow" journaling to coincide with the Follow Jesus educational/discipleship year.

Important dates to remember: September 12<sup>th</sup> is the Kickoff for the new educational year and September 26<sup>th</sup> is the DCLC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which will include a program and a meal.

### **Discussion:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Similar numbers to last month's reporting....little change in the numbers. We continue to be in a strong financial position largely in part to the PPP loan.

**Financial review:** The financial review is completed and any follow-up action items to be provided by Karrie at next month's DVB meeting.

**Program Space:** Lisa Neaderhiser presented discussion regarding the Grief Share and Golden Agers programs. The Golden Agers group is no longer the very active group that it once was as the interest is dwindling and attendance is sparse. (COVID has played a part in the diminishing activities). The goal is to have St. Matthew grow in connections and outreach to better serve the senior members...perhaps engaging with other congregations or sharing speakers that would appeal to a combined Grief Share/Golden Ager audience.

**Staffing Model Review:** Pastor has indicated that this is still pending and awaiting a finalized time to meet.

**Property-Facility Committee Report:** Jason reports that we are still experiencing problems with the cleaning provided by Bulldog cleaners. The committee is looking into how to terminate the contract and replace the cleaning company. Jason also notes that the floor waxing is completed; however, there are now gym tiles that are in need of replacing. Next item to complete will be the carpet for the lower level and round table room. A carpet bid from Cooper Tile was received for \$990 and a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Cooper

Tile bid for up to \$10,000. (This amount presumes no asbestos removal work is needed.)

**COVID Update:** Pastor confirms that we will return to full communion at the August 8<sup>th</sup> service, but without the common cup for now.

**President's Desk:**

We will list three months of DVB minutes rather than just one month at a time on the web site to allow people to view in case they missed viewing a month.

Community Building articles for the September Newscene will include a community spotlight from Karrie K and the DVB spotlight from Teresa.

We are looking into merging the DCLC and church websites into one site in order to save money. (Currently there is a separate fee for the DCLC website as an outside vendor provides the service.)

Sue Betzold will write up a brief article on the duties of the counting team for the Newscene and a future article on the duties of Worship Assistance will be provided by Craig Affeldt.

The meeting concluded with Sharing and Caring discussion between members.

Pastor led the group in a closing prayer to end the meeting.

The next DVB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Anderson