

# FLC Council Meeting Agenda Minutes

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 PM

## Attendees

**Council Members Present:** Brent Cottrell, Shannon Fenner, Keith Kelly, Donna Merkle, Kent Shoemaker, Gary Sims, Gary Swartzlander

**Others Present:** Steve Camp, Pastor Alan Fox

**Absent:** Dan Klaassen. Pastor Janai Robinson

## Opening Devotion

Keith Kelly

## Opening

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 by Gary Swartzlander

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved

## Approval of Agenda

The April 8 2014 agenda with edition of EPIC were unanimously approved

## Ministry Teams

Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lighting expert analysis for PSO for rebate possibility<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sanctuary with LED</li><li>○ Battery back-up for emergency lighting is beginning to fail</li></ul></li><li>• Church clean-up day on Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 9-1</li><li>• Arts &amp; Aesthetics have developed proposed policy guidelines to be addressed at next Council meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Steve to email Council guidelines for review</li></ul></li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;">-S Camp/K Kelly</p>
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personnel Committee working on finalizing job descriptions</li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;">-S Camp/G Sims</p>
Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating time &amp; talent sheets<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Plan to present to congregation in May</li></ul></li></ul> <p style="text-align: right;">-Pastor Fox/B Cottrell</p>

<p>Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synod meeting attendees-Katie Mentzel, Shari Brenner, Ellie Peterson, &amp; Pastors</li> <li>• Discovery lunch dates set for 2014-March 30 &amp; April 6, June 1 &amp; 8, September 7 &amp; 14, November 16 &amp; 23</li> <li>• New member Sundays set for 2014-April 13, June 15, September 21, December 7</li> <li>• Sarah Bussman is attending an information session hosted by Tulsa World re ways to advertise church events</li> <li>• Sarah Bussman researched static cling decals for car windows. Cost is ~\$2 each</li> <li>• Decision being made re how much to spend for Easter ad in the Tulsa World. Budget will not support \$1750 spent last year</li> <li>• John Toschik working on website update</li> <li>• Daryl Reimer has agreed to join this Ministry Team</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">-S Fenner</p>
<p>Worship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Recognition Banquet for the Youth Vocal and Bells of Praise kids Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• April 13 Children’s Choir Concert in Worship Center</li> <li>• Three Easter service planned with collaboration between traditional groups &amp; Praise &amp; Worship Band</li> <li>• Vicki Smith is participating in Tuesdays at Trinity</li> <li>• April 27-Children &amp; Youth Music groups will do a concert at Montereau</li> <li>• Summer Arts Camp scheduled</li> <li>• May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 organ recital at FLC. Vicki Smith is requesting permission to use her May 4<sup>th</sup> recital at church as a fundraiser to use the offering to go for scholarships to be used at the Arts Camp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council unanimously approved      -D Klaassen (absent)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Missions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications placed in bulletin</li> <li>• No team leader at this time</li> <li>• Thinning out missions      -K Shoemaker</li> <li>• Missions Team asked Youth to make signs for Emergency Infant Services Diaper Drive</li> <li>• Fund raising continues for Youth Missions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ High Tea</li> <li>○ Easter breakfast</li> <li>○ Selling stock in youth      D Merkle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenten Soup Bowl Initiative on Wednesday nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BYOB-Bring your own bowl-reducing use of disposable products-saving money &amp; making us better stewards of our environment</li> <li>○ 50% of offering will be donated to Community Food Bank of Eastern OK</li> <li>○ All soup makers received thank you cards</li> <li>○ Thank you to volunteers who assisted in making this a success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bryan Burgess, Dawn Cooper, Marcia Werner, Youth small groups &amp; their leaders</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Jillian Neilson joined team is counting/depositing money on Wednesday nights -D Merkle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report -Pastor Fox</li> </ul>

### Old Business

Synod Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented at Synod Council Meeting for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Ministry Team structure</li> <li>○ Request how to support congregations with shrinking membership</li> <li>○ Discussion about partnering with a seminary via satellite to educate individuals in Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod</li> <li>○ Crisis Ministry Team Support Group built within Synod for Pastors &amp; congregations in conflict -S Camp for Pastor Robinson</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### New Business

2014 Congregational Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes unanimously approved by Council -Council Members</li> </ul>
Council Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Swartzlander to reach out 3 members &amp; Donna Merkle to reach out to 1 to inquire if they would be willing to serve on Council</li> <li>• Gary Swartzlander will email &amp; request action from council via appointment -G Swartzlander/Council Members</li> </ul>
Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Playground</li> <li>○ Lighting &amp; sound system in sanctuary</li> <li>○ Awning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Roof</li> <li>○ Kitchen remodel</li> <li>○ Steve Camp to bring estimated costs to next council meeting -Council Members</li> </ul>
Sabbatical Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quiet Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal solicitation for \$3600 to be completed by 6/30</li> <li>○ Gary Swartzlander requests sabbatical fund be included in next year's budget</li> <li>○ Possibility raised of accessing Lutheran Leadership Fund -Council Members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Rise-Up Congregational Ministry Team Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April 27 Rise Up ..In Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10:15 Information Session-Staff Leaders present vision</li> </ul> </li> <li>● May 4 Rise Up..In Purpose-Graduation Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10:15 Information Session-Meet the Team Leaders/Council liaison/Staff liaison</li> </ul> </li> <li>● May 11 Rise Up..In Our Attitudes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry Team Fair-all morning</li> </ul> </li> <li>● May 18 Rise Up...In Our Focus-Confirmation Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ministry Team Fair-all morning</li> </ul> </li> <li>● May 25 Rise Up..In Spirit-Memorial Day weekend</li> <li>● June 1 Rise Up..In Our Unity -Pastor Fox</li> </ul>
Follow-Up on Leadership Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Planning to present to council by 6/14 -Council Members</li> </ul>
EPIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matching fund program for Wartburg College</li> <li>● Possibility of accessing Lutheran Leadership Fund</li> <li>● Church Council unanimously approves -S Camp/Council Members</li> </ul>

### Treasurer's Report

March 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee meets after Council meets in April-official report at next Council meeting for March &amp; April</li> <li>● March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 Sunday month</li> <li>○ Income \$84530</li> <li>○ Expenses \$73985</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Year to date –still behind on budget -S Camp</li> </ul>
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Action Plan to Reach Budget Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See above action steps taken (ie. Ministry Teams)</li></ul> <p>-Gary Swartzlander</p>
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### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned. The next general meeting will be on May 13, 2014 at 6:00pm.  
Brent Cottrell meal & devotion.

Minutes submitted by: D Merkle