

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Executive Committee Meeting  
March 10, 2025  
Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6.59 p.m. and was presided over by Darryl Anderson, Council President.

**Attendance:** Lori Ashenfelter, Darryl Anderson, Wendy Gajarsky, John Weisend, Pastor Jean

**Guests:** John Reyes, Carol Whidden

**Devotions:** Pastor Jean

**Insurance Issues:** With the sewer backup on March 6, there was a need to postpone site visits to identify new insurance. The current policy terminates on March 31, 2025. The two sites visits were rescheduled for 3/11/25 with Richey-Barrett Company and 3/12/2025 with Brotherhood Mutual. This meeting was called due to concerns of not receiving quotes in time.

Now that the church has received notice that its current insurance will not be renewed, insurance companies are more willing to consider working with the church, which was not the case prior to the non-renewal letter being received. At least 12 insurance companies were contacted and declined to offer a quote for various reasons, a repeated one being operating a preschool. At this time, there is only one viable quote available from Cincinnati Insurance.

Carol reported that she believed that we could get the other two quotes (Riches-Barrett Company and Brotherhood Mutual) in time and she will request them by 3/25/25. By getting other quotes, we may find more competitive rates. Darryl believes the Cincinnati quote is good until the end of the month, but there is no binding contract without payment. It was discussed that the contract and payment need to be approved by Executive Committee or Council and two people, including one officer, are required to sign checks over \$1000. Carol will explore other payment options. Pastor will explore the requirements at the bank to add officers as check signers. It was decided that Darryl and Lori will be added as check-signers as soon as possible. Former Financial Manager, Judy Lee, will be removed as a check-signer.

The proposal from Cincinnati Insurance was reviewed compared to our current coverage from Church Mutual. John Reyes noted several important aspects of the comparison. Lacking any other quotes at this time, he supported acceptance of the proposal. It was noted that the Finance Committee has discussed setting up a subcommittee to review the church's insurance on a regular basis.

Pastor Jean made a motion that the executive committee authorize the appropriate congregation officers to sign the contract of insurance from Cincinnati Insurance based on the Faith Lutheran 2025-2026 Insurance Proposal submitted on 3/10/25. Lori seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Sewer Issue:** Pastor Jean made the motion to authorize the payment of \$2,200 to Roto-Rooter for sewer line maintenance to be charged to Property-Interior Maintenance. John W seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Pastor Jean made the motion to adjourn. John W seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by Wendy Gajarsky, Council Secretary