

**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.
James B Jorge Adult Education Room
MINUTES**

Attendees: Gary Inman, Loren Stahl, Dave Rogness, John Bennett, Sindy Keller, Kathy Helming, Marianna Malm, Chris Kraemer, Danelle Kjar, Terry Yoney, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Laurie Neill, and Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt. Jane Nelson (joined by phone).

President Gary Inman opened the meeting. The Mission and Vision statements were read. Devotions included the opening of the Time Capsule from October 12, 1952. Several artifacts were found including a small Bible, FLC Bylaws and a Fargo Forum newspaper.

Consent Agenda

Reports and minutes were emailed to the Council. It was noted that the June 12, 2018 minutes need to be amended within the Financial section to reflect the Council direction to use the undesignated fund to offset the budget shortfall. Marianna Malm motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. We ended the fiscal year approximately \$106,000 short in contributions. An additional ask was extended that brought the shortfall down. The undesignated fund was used to offset the difference in contributions as directed by the Council at the June meeting. Financials for June were more positive than previous summer seasons. Chris Kraemer motioned to accept the financials. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laurie presented the Pastor's Report. A busy month of activities including the FLCW Salad Luncheon, Vacation Bible School, Estate Planning and Aging with Dignity Seminar, and much more. FLC Youth attended the Houston Youth Gathering and were a great reflection of First Lutheran Church.

Special Focus - Finalize Budget

Pastor Corey reviewed the line items in the proposed budget. Technology expenses reflect security needs and staff technology support needs. It was noted that the parking lot rental income reflects a decrease during the construction activities. The Mission Outreach distributions were considered by the Council based on their focus on service. It was recommended to include the New Life Center in the distribution list. The Council approved the creation of a fund for the Shoe Box project for easier financial management. John Bennett motioned to accept the proposed budget with changes as discussed. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion carried.

(Danelle Kjar sent an updated budget on 7/12/18 for Council review of the changes as discussed.)

Daniel Dameico will present the budget between services on July 15 and July 22 for congregational input. Council representation was requested. Minimum of 2 desired. The final budget will be presented on July 29th at the Congregational meeting.

Old Business

Building Update - Terry Yoney provided an update on the progress of the construction activities. He asked if the Council wanted to consider a time capsule with the current construction project. Council supported another time capsule. Contents and size will need to be determined in the next few months.

The construction work is progressing well. It is carefully staged work. Structural engineers provide continuous monitoring of the Sanctuary. Water remediation steps have been taken and footings have been placed in that way that provides additional strength for the south wall of the Sanctuary. The Columbarium is being manufactured. Terry has asked for a meeting with the company to assess the progress. The floor

for the new nursery is in place. Great progress has been made with the Chapel. Although the work is a little behind, they are still confident that the Chapel and Nursery will be ready by 9/15/18.

Columbarium - The Columbarium bylaws updates were reviewed as outlined in the June 2018 minutes. Marianna Malm motioned to accept the Columbarium bylaws. Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion Carried.

Foundation / Endowment Update: More details to come.

Seminary - No update.

Council Task Force updating committee descriptions & terms - In progress. The Nominating Committee information will be needed for the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Master Ministry Plan

Pastor Corey discussed the plan with the Council members. The Council responded favorably to the design and direction in this strategic business document. Once the plan is finalized the Council discussed the possibility of holding a Summit-like event to share the direction with the congregation.

Marianna Malm was recognized for her servant leadership and thanked for serving 2 terms (6 years) on the FLC Church Council by President Gary and the entire Council.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Helming
Secretary**