First Lutheran Church Foundation
Minutes
November 16, 2017

Attendees: Jon Aarsvold, Mark Hanson, Sandy Korbel, Janie Olson, Loren Stahl, John Vastag, Susan Brudvik, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Missy Froeber, John Holman

I. Call to Order: Jon Aarsvold called the meeting to order.

II. Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Corey Bjertness

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Foundation’s meeting held 10/19/17 were reviewed. Jon Aarsvold asked that they be amended to reflect: D & O Insurance as new business, and the correct spelling of several names. Sandy Korbel motioned to accept the minutes and Janie Olson seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Financial Reports: The report from Dustin Sobolik of Heartland Trust was sent to members, but review of the information is tabled until the next meeting attended by a Heartland Trust representative.

Mr. Aarsvold reviewed the monthly financial report and budget summary. Sandy Korbel motioned to accept the financial reports and John Vastag seconded. Motion approved.

V. New Business:

c. New Grant Requests:

i. Churches United for the Homeless: A request was made in the amount of $10,360 for the re-imbursement of a kitchen energy/venting/cooling system they had to replace unexpectedly this fall. Mark Hanson motioned to approve the request in the amount of $10,360. John Vastag seconded. Motion approved.

ii. YWCA: A request was made in the amount of $3,000 to purchase a chest freezer and refrigerator. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the request in the amount of $3,000. Janie Olson seconded. Motion approved.

VI. Old Business:

a. Grant Requests:

i. Young Life FM: Resubmitted their request for funds specifically for camp scholarships which falls within the Foundation parameters. However, no specific amount was asked and the committee is still concerned about sustainability. Jon Aarsvold will contact Brody Clarke and speak with him about a specific ask for a specific amount of money to be used for a specific amount of scholarships. This request has been tabled for the next meeting.

ii. Restoration Anglican Ministry: Resubmitted their request for funds for the specific amount of $7,701 to help purchase Sanctuary Enhancements, Sound Improvements, Children’s Ministry needs and an Office Computer. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the request in the amount of $7,701. Susan Brudvik seconded. Motion approved.

VII. Reports

a. President’s Report: Jon passed around thanks yous, letters and pictures from past grants.
b. Senior Pastor’s Report: Church life is going well. The income was down in October, but is up in November, several big gifts are coming in all at once because of the possible tax reforms. Sunday is the kickoff for the Stewardship season. A flyer will be in the bulletin and a pledge card will be mailed out next week with reminders continuing through Giving Hearts Day in February. Sunday is also the Congregational Engagement meeting and Mission Soup Sunday.

c. Giving Consultant Report: The newsletter contains thank you letters and information on what the Foundation has done this year. A ND picnic is held in Mesa AZ each March. Two years ago, First Lutheran sponsored a booth with information on the church and giveaways. The Foundation granted $1,000 for the booth. The church provided the giveaways. John asked that the Foundation consider the request for this year’s picnic. It is considered as an operation expense.

VIII. Other Items
a. Board Members Terms. Mark Hanson and John Vastag will have completed their first terms and have agreed to a second term. Jon Aarsvold has completed his terms and will step down as Chair. A new member will be sought for next year.

IX. Adjourn – Loren Stahl motioned to adjourn. Susan Brudvik seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
The December 21st meeting is canceled.
The next meeting will be January 18, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

Missy Froeber
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Board Member Terms

First Terms:
Mark Hanson – FY 2016, 17, 18
John Vastag – FY 2016, 17, 18
Susan Brudvik – FY 2018, 19, 20
Lindsey Little – FY 2018, 19, 20

Second Terms:
Jon Aarsvold – FY 2016, 17, 18
Larry Audette – FY 2017, 18, 19
Janie Olson – FY 2017, 18, 19
Loren Stahl – FY 2017, 18, 19
Sandy Korbel – FY 2018, 19, 20