

**First Lutheran Church Council**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**  
**James Borge Adult Education Room**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Gary Inman-president, Sindy Keller-vice president, Loren Stahl-treasurer, Kathy Helming-secretary, Chris Kraemer, John Bennett, Rollie Johnson, Danelle Kerr, Pastor Laurie Neil, Pastor Dave Adams, Pastor Bill Afeldt and Pastor Corey Bjertness.

Mr. Inman opened the meeting by reading the mission and vision statements.

Rollie Johnson gave the devotions and prayer.

**Governance Manual Review**

The Council reviewed Section 2.2 Council Role, from the governance manual.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Keller motioned to accept the Consent Agenda that consisted of the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Bennett seconded. Motion approved.

**Regular Agenda**

**Financial Report:** Mr. Damico was absent from the meeting due to a family health matter. Pastor Bjertness reviewed the financial report with the Council. It was noted that May and June offerings have been down significantly. Discussed the challenges of summer church attendance and low offerings. Mr. Kraemer motioned to approve the financial report and Ms. Keller seconded. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

- **Employment update** – See new business.
- **Continuing Ed. Expense** – Pending.
- **Generations of Generosity Campaign** – The contributions to date are short ~\$113,000.00 of the desired goal. Efforts continue to reach the goal.

**University Lutheran Center** – Pastor Corey noted that Kim Adams is serving as interim director while discussions with the synod continue to evolve.

**New Business:**

**Staffing for the Future** Update – Pastor Dave Adams will serve as Interim Faith in Action Director, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Interim First in Mission Director. Haley Vargas is the new Parish Nurse Coordinator. Wendy Scholl is the new Receptionist/Registrar/Scheduler.

**Annual Meeting Assignments** – The Annual Meeting will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> following the 11 a.m. service and lunch. Council will assist with serving lunch. President Inman will contact the Parliamentarian and reach out to the Nominating Committee. Agenda details, vote counters, report handouts and other details will be confirmed.

**Benevolence/Salary Connection (future)** – First Lutheran Church supports 6 missionaries for ~\$100,000 through the benevolence fund. Pastor Corey discussed increasing this fund in alignment with salary adjustments. (For example, 2% salary increase, 2% increase to benevolence fund.) The Council supported this recommendation.

**Budget for 2017-2018** – Pastor Corey reviewed the projected budget for 2017-2018. Council discussed. Mr. Bennett motioned to approve the 2017-2018 budget and Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion approved.

Closing discussions focused on moving forward with the resolution of the mortgage debt. Ms. Keller motioned to pay off the mortgage and John Bennett seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor Dave Adams led sending prayers.

**Next council Meeting will be held on August 15,2017.**

Executive Session followed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Helming

Secretary