

**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Council- Dave Rogness, Chris Kraemer, Jane Nelson, Kathy Helming, Loren Stahl, Marianna Malm.  
Staff – Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Laurie Neill, Pastor Matt Cordes, Rollie Johnson, Daniel Damico, Christy Schilling, John Holmen.

Dave Rogness called the meeting to order in the absence of President Inman. The Mission and Vision statements were read.

**Devotion and Opening Prayer** – Pastor Corey led opening devotions and prayer.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Minutes** from the October meeting
- **Administrator’s Report**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Task Force Reports**
- **Pastor’s Reports**
- **Board Governance Review**
- **Correspondence**

The consent agenda was reviewed. Marianna Malm made a motion to approve. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion carried.

**Regular Agenda:**

- **Financial Report** – Daniel Damico reviewed the financial report. Loren Stahl motioned to approve. Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.
- **Old Business**
  - **Employment Update** - Interviews continue for Molly’s open position. In the interim, an individual with more than the required qualifications is available as a temporary hire until the end of the year.
  - **Change of Bank** - Transition and training for staff continues.
  - **December Dilemma** – A campaign letter with a request for donations will be sent out about the lost offering due to Christmas falling on a Sunday. Anticipate linking this to Giving Hearts day.
  - **Continuing Ed Expense** – Reminder that a committee review is needed.

**New Business**

- **Congregational Meeting** - Discussed format of the meeting. Reviewed the motion language. Discussed contingency planning should funds raised exceed final expenses. Chris Kraemer made a motion to approve use of excess funds for a staff endowment fund be included in the motion to be voted on by the congregation. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion carried.
- **Stage 4** – Capital fund-raising and finalization of construction plans to be determined.

**Sending prayer** – Pastor Matt Cordes offered the closing prayer.

**Executive Session**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Meal provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Helming  
Secretary