

First Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
James Bjorge Adult Education Room
MINUTES

Attendees: Sindy Keller, Kathy Helming, John Bennett, Chris Kraemer, Dave Rogness, Loren Stahl, Gary Inman, Danelle Kjar, Daniel Damico, Pastor Laurie Neil, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Dave Adams, Rollie Johnson and Missy Froeber.

Special Focus: Building Update

Kent and Mike Wild and Terry Yoney updated the Council on the bid process and current numbers. Dave Rogness made a motion to authorize the Architects to finalize the bid process and move forward with the contractors. Kathy Nelson seconded. Motion approved.

Dave Adams updated the Council on the plan for the Ground Breaking Ceremony which will take place on May 20th at 10:30 am. There will be a short speech, a song and everyone will get a chance to turn over some dirt. It should last approximately 15 minutes.

Gary Inman opened the meeting.

The Mission and Vision statements were read. Sindy Keller opened with a reading “Homeless but not unlike me” and gave everyone a copy of “everybody Always” by Bob Goff. The Governance Manual was read.

Consent Agenda

Reports and minutes were emailed to the Council. Kathy Helming motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion approved.

Financials

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. We are over budget and will be doing an ask in May. It was decided that any bills for May and moving forward for the build should be presented to the matching fund donor. We will use those funds first and keep the other funds in the account to accumulate and be used further into the build. Dave Rogness motioned to accept the financials. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor Corey Bjertness reported on the events that took place April. Sharron Ahlfeldt’s funeral will be Friday at 2 pm. Flowers will be sent on behalf of the staff and Council.

Old Business:

- **The Council Task Force** to update committee terms & descriptions was tabled until the June meeting.
- **Foundation/Endowment** – It was decided that we need to create a mechanism before receiving the money for the endowment. Daniel will speak to several CFO’s of other large churches to find out how they have handled such gifts. Pastor Corey will speak to Garry Hanson from Heartland Trust

New Business:

- **Pastoral Housing Allowances** – Dave Rogness motioned to amend the December 2017 minutes to continue the pastoral housing allowance in 2018 at the same rate as 2017. Loren Stahl seconded. Motion approved.
- **Staffing** – was tabled until the June meeting.
- Council members and spouses are invited to the Thursday 17th 6 pm event at Porter Creek.

Next council Meeting will be held on June 12, 2018.

Pastor Laurie prayed the sending prayer with special prayers for Pastor Bill and his family.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Froeber
Executive Assistant

There was no Executive session.