

First Lutheran Church
Minutes – Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 4, 2013
11:45 am

President Brad Williams called the meeting to order and asked all those in attendance to join him in reciting the FLC Mission Statement: “Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.”

Pastor Marty Tollefson opened the meeting with a prayer. Attendees sang “Lord, Be Glorified.” President Williams introduced the Parliamentarian for the meeting, Kristy Albrecht.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 10, 2013 Annual Meeting: Motion to approve by Tracey Farmer, seconded by Evelyn Quigley. Motion carried.

Church council members were identified in the Annual meeting booklet and President Williams asked those in attendance to stand.

Names of the current Nominating Committee were also identified in the Annual Meeting booklet distributed to those in attendance.

Reports:

President Williams directed the meeting attendees to the Annual Meeting booklet for a written report from the Foundation, a financial summary from Global Missions, and his President’s Report. With the change in our fiscal year resulting in a six month ‘stump’ year and this annual meeting only six months since our previous meeting, the work of the committees and their goals is still underway since the February meeting.

In addition, those elected at the February, 2013, annual meeting continue in their same capacities, serving 18 month terms ending in July, 2014. Elections for delegates to the 2014 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly will be held in a special congregational meeting early next year.

Pastor Corey thanked the Council and staff for their work during the past six months. He shared some amazing statistics with us: In the first six months of this fiscal year, the Foundation has distributed over \$35,000 and Global Missions over \$48,000. In addition, it is interesting to note that since 1999, the Foundation has given over \$312,000 to First Lutheran and over \$132,000 to other ministries. Thanks Be to God!

Pastor Corey highlighted exciting changes coming our way in the next few months:

- GRACE. Focusing on our spiritual growth, teaching and preaching will be based on the book, “Grace” by Max Lucado. Thirty-five small groups have already been formed and there will also be large group studies as well.
- John Holmen has been hired as our Giving Consultant. This is a joint venture between FLC and the First Lutheran Foundation to help both grow.
- Ruth Hanson, Parish Nurse, has announced her retirement effective at the end of this calendar year. The search for a new Parish Nurse will start immediately.
- Technology Specialist. FLC’s technology needs are currently being provided by key pastoral staff. The timing of those responsibilities, along with current communication trends, dictate a need for hiring a Technology Specialist.

- Worship Leadership Support needed. The addition of another person to our Worship Leadership staff is needed to reinforce current Worship teams and staff both styles and centers of worship as best we can.
- On August 15th, First Lutheran Church will launch a new website, providing a good “front door” to the church and online registration capabilities.

In addition, Pastor Corey briefly outlined possible “Above and Beyond” projects currently being considered:

- Columbarium
- Music Academy
- Team Building
- Daycare/Preschool
- Seminarian Internship

Implementation of Above and Beyond projects do not proceed without funds raised in advance, separate from the General Fund.

Pastor Corey asked that we prayerfully consider these changes and possible projects when considering the upcoming budget.

Terry Yoney, FLC Business Manager, thanked the staff for their hard work in preparing the reports and booklet for the Annual Meeting.

Terry presented a summary of the “stump” year, and directed our attention to the Statement of Financial Position for all funds as of June 30, 2013, as printed in the Annual Meeting booklet.

A motion to receive and file the six month financial report was made by Dave Rogness, seconded by Darwin Marquart. Motion carried.

Terry presented the proposed 2013/2014 budget, and the budget comparison for the General Fund, as printed in the Annual Meeting booklet.

A motion to approve the 2013/2014 budget by Helen Shirley, seconded by Mary Ann Phillips. Motion carried.

Pastor Laurie Neill led us in a closing prayer, followed by the attendees signing, Bind Us Together.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Rostad, Secretary

Unapproved