

First Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
James Bjorge Adult Education Room
MINUTES

Attendees: Gary Inman- president, Kathy Helming-secretary, Chris Kraemer, John Bennett, Jane Nelson, Sindy Keller, Danelle Kjar, Pastor Laurie Neil, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Dave Adams, Rollie Johnson, Daniel Damico, and Missy Froeber.

The Mission and Vision statements were read. Pastor Corey Bjertness opened with devotions Luke 1:26-46, the story of Mary. Pastor Dave prayed us into the meeting.

The Governance Review was waived.

Consent Agenda

Committee reports were emailed to the Council:

Pastor Corey Bjertness gave an update on all the events that have happened in November. Daniel Damico gave the Administrators Report. A bill has been submitted and approved by the 20/20 Club for the cost of repairing the water main. Kathy Helming made a motion for the Council to approve. Jane Nelson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Kathy Helming motioned to accept the consent Agenda. Marianna Malm seconded. Motion approved.

Financials

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. Income for this month is coming in lower than last year. The council discussed. Chris Kraemer motioned to accept the financials. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Architectural update

Dave Rogness was unable to attend, but submitted a report to the Council. The Architectural Contract has been reviewed by First Lutheran Church and its lawyer and is in the hands of Wild & Associates for their review and signing. The Building Liability Insurance is still being discussed. Loren Stahl is working on this. He was unable to attend this meeting.

Old Business: The Committee Descriptions and Terms discussion was again tabled for another meeting.

New Business:

- **Congregational Transparency** – The Council met on Sunday the 10th, 2017 in order to discuss congregational transparency for Council minutes and church financials. (Minutes for that meeting will be attached). Steps of who to go to and where to go for information were discussed. Council cell numbers will be posted in the bulletin and council emails and cell numbers will be posted on the website. This information will be made known through announcements and emails to the congregation. The staff will create a webpage on the website for construction updates and frequently asked questions. Frequently asked questions and updates will be posted as a flyer in the bulletin once a month and emailed through constant contact. Pastor Corey, Terry Yoney and Dave Rogness will supply the content for these updates. However, staff is at full capacity and a part-time technical web/social media person is needed to help keep this information up to date. Pastor Corey Bjertness proposed hiring a part-time

person, 20 hours per month at \$500 per month to be paid from the Building Fund as “maximizing the fulfillment of the pledges”. Chris Kraemer made a motion to approve Pastor Corey’s suggestion of hiring a part time person to keep the website and congregation updated during the build. Jane Nelson seconded. Motion approved.

- **Staff on Mission Trips** – The Staff on Mission Trips Policy has been updated to include the child of a staff person who is leading the mission trip will travel at no cost with the cost being distributed amongst the other mission trip travelers. Sindy Keller made a motion to accept this change. Jane Nelson seconded it. Motion approved.
- **Homeless & Hungry and the Good Samaritan Fund** – currently these two funds are separate, but serve the same purpose. Pastor Corey Bjertness proposed that the two funds be consolidated with all monies being put under the Good Samaritan Fund. The First Lutheran Homeless & Hungry event is on pause due to lack of interest although Eric Hatch still does his golf tournament to raise money for Homeless & Hungry. Chris Kraemer made a motion to approve the consolidation of the two funds into one Good Samaritan Fund. Kathy Helming seconded. Motion approved.

Next council Meeting will be held on January 16, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Froeber
Executive Assistant

Executive Session followed