

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

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

Dave Rogness called the meeting to order. The Mission and Vision statements were read.

Devotion and Opening Prayer – Pastor Corey Bjertness – Pharoah’s dream and Joseph, the interpreter and the problem solver.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Sindy Keller, motioned to approve, Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

- **Financial Report** – Budget discussed. Kathy Helming motioned to approve, Jane Nelson seconded. Motion carried.
- **Old Business**
 - Grant Update – Pastor Corey provided a status report.
 - Phase Three: Feasibility Work.
 - Update
 - Stage 1 Grand Vision
 - Stage 2 Narrowing the Scope Increasing the Conversation
 - Stage 3 Operation Listen – Pastor Corey reviewed the progression of the feasibility work that brings it to Stage 3, Operation Listen. Focus groups of 8-12 people will be held throughout October into early November at the church or hosted by council members. Sindy Keller and Kathy Helming will assist with the October 5th and 9th focus group sessions at the church. Dave Rogness will assist with the church sessions after October 19th. Hosted sessions will be determined as registration for the focus group meetings rolls out.
 - Ongoing Role of Feasibility – Discussed resuming feasibility committee meetings late fall.
- Employment update – Upcoming interviews for open position.
- Family Life Transition - Rollie Johnson transitioned to the Director of Family Life.

New Business

- Staffing Report – Increasing internal and external demands on staff resources were noted as an area of concern by Pastor Corey that will be monitored.
- FirstFest (baskets) – Sindy Keller put together a gift basket for the Silent Auction on behalf of the Council. Thank you was extended to Sindy for that effort.
- Audit – Daniel Damico provided an over view of the financial audit. Chris Kraemer motioned to accept the audit report. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion carried.
- Thanks to Pastor Laurie - Dave Rogness and Council recognized Laurie for the extra work and management during Pastor Corey’s sabbatical. A gift card was given from the Council.

Sending prayer – Pastor Laurie Neill offered the prayer.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. Meal provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Helming
Secretary