

First Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
James Bjorge Adult Education Room
MINUTES

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

The meeting opened with the Architectural Report. Mike Wild and Kent Wild showed 3D renderings of the gathering space, education spaces, and worship space. Details that have been decided and features that have been chosen were explained. The updated cost estimate is \$12,208,760 which includes furnishings. This is an overage of \$308,760 from the approved congregational budget of \$11,900,000. However, contingencies have been built into the budget and bids have not yet been taken. We are right on schedule for construction start in June. Word on the street is construction companies are eager to bid so we should be able to cut some costs in the bidding process. Wild & Associates will pre-qualify bidders and take their numbers. Bidding needs to be referred to Wild & Associates without Council involvement so there are no misunderstandings or hurt feelings with congregation members. The Chapel and Gym areas need to be completed by September for the start of the Sunday and Wednesday school year. The All Task Force meeting on January 11th recommended and motioned that the current ideas and plans be presented to the Council and moved forward.

Dave Rogness asked for a motion from the Council to accept the current plans and ideas and to move forward to the Construction Document Phase. Kathy Helming motioned with Sindy Keller seconding. Motion approved.

The Mission and Vision statements were read. Rollie Johnson did the devotions on laughter quoting from Luke 6:21, Ecclesiastes 3:2-4, John 5, and Thessalonians.

Consent Agenda

Committee reports were emailed to the Council.

Pastor Corey Bjertness gave an update on all the events that have happened in December and showed the current results of the Generations of Generosity Pledges:

Total Pledged + Given without Pledge	\$13,241,360.39
Top 20%	\$11,763,399.96
Balance @ .94 Fullfillment	\$1,377,260.76
Already Given but didn't pledge	\$12,789.41
Total Expected	\$13,153,450.13
Minus Loan	966606.62
Expectancy	\$12,186,843.51

Pastor Corey aslo spoke on the weekly average attendance which is down a little from last year, but overall, is not a significant drop. Giving has not decreased.

Daniel Damico handed out the Administers Report which Council members read.

Marinanna Malm motioned to accept the consent Agenda. Kathy Helming seconded. Motion approved.

Financials

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. We are \$75,000 off net. Pastor Corey will, at some point, be asking the Council to transfer \$60,000 from the Reserves to the General Fund, but will send letters out to congregation members in a general fund campaign first. Chris Kraemer motioned to accept the financials. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business: The Committee Descriptions and Terms discussion was again tabled for another meeting. The Building Project Architect Liability Ins. has not progressed. Gary Inman will consult with Loren Stahl to see if we can get results soon.

New Business:

- **Next Congregational Engagement Meeting** – It was decided to hold the next Congregational Engagement meeting at 10 am on February 11th in the Celebration Hall. February 11th is Giving Hearts Day in which the church will highlight which organizations we have supported this past year. It is a combined service. We will serve caramel rolls and coffee at the engagement meeting. It was suggested that we have a tray of rolls and pot of coffee on each set table so that the meeting can start right away and we will then have time for Q & A after. We will also hold an Engagement Meeting on Wednesday April 7th during the service in order to update the Wednesday people. We will hold the Q & A after the service in the gathering space.
- **Generations of Generosity Payment Strategies** – It was decided that we will pay Wild & Associates directly and they will pay each contractor. We have received our first invoice. A motion was made to approve Terry Yoney and Dave Rogness to be the authorizing figures for invoices and checks. Kathy Helming made a motion to accept Terry and Dave as authorizing figures. Jane Nelson seconded it. Motion approved.
- **Name Suggestions for Council** – We have four slots to be filled for Council. Three spots for re-election and one spot open. Marianna Malm is in her 2nd term/3rd year and will be leaving the Council. We are all sad to see her go. Gary Inman asked that names of potential candidates be sent to him.

Other Business:

The church staff is working on transparent communication with the congregation so as well as the engagement meetings that are planned, a “Frequently Asked Questions” flyer will be included in the bulletin once per month and go out in the constant contact emails. Staff will also work on information for our website.

Next council Meeting will be held on February 20, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Froeber
Executive Assistant