

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance: Council - Jane Nelson, Kathy Helming, Loren Stahl, John Bennett, Gary Inman; Cindy Keller, Marianna Malm ; Staff – Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Laurie Neill, Pastor Matt Cordes, Rollie Johnson, Christy Schilling.

President Gary Inman called the meeting to order. The Mission and Vision statements were read.

Devotion and Opening Prayer – Pastor Corey led opening devotions and prayer.

Consent Agenda

- **Minutes from last meeting**
- **Administrator’s Report**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Task Force Reports**
- **Pastor’s Reports.**
- **Board Governance Review**
- **Correspondence**

The consent agenda was reviewed. Marianna Malm motioned to approve. Cindy Keller seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Matt addressed the Council members and expressed his gratitude for the time spent at First Lutheran.

Regular Agenda:

- **Financial Report** – Christy Schilling reviewed key points of the financials. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Jane Nelson seconded. Motion carried.
- **Old Business**
 - **Employment Update** - No change from last month.
 - **Continuing Ed Expense** – In progress.
 - **Generations of Generosity Campaign** – In progress.
 - **Increase Staffing Proposal** – In progress.

Special Focus

New Business

Pastoral Vacancy Process: The Council gave direction to the staff and synod that the members of the Council will serve as the call committee.

Pastor Interview: Pastor Corey presented documentation for the interview to be held following the regular Council meeting.

University Lutheran Center Research: The synod approached First Lutheran to consider participation in the development of the ministry at this location.

Ministry at the Sanctuary (Event Center): The Sanctuary (Event Center) is available for rent on Sunday mornings for a worship service. Discussion was held around the potential impact of contemporary worship services, outside of First Lutheran, occurring on a regular basis at that location. No action was recommended.

Pastor Matt: Sunday, March 26th, is Pastor Matt’s last day. The Council will serve cake between services in the Gathering Space. President Gary Inman will reach out to Pastor Matt for an exit interview opportunity prior to his last day.

Sending prayer – Pastor Laurie offered the closing prayer.

Executive Session

The Council interviewed Mr. David Adams, intern pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND. His wife, Kim, was included in the conversation. A series of questions were presented to Mr. Adams for response. Following the interview, the Council discussed details and insights from the conversation. John Bennett motioned to initiate proceedings to call Mr. David Adams, contingent on a successful interview with church staff. Kathy Helming seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Meal provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Helming, Secretary