First Lutheran Church Foundation Minutes
December 20, 2018

Attendees: Larry Audette, Sandy Korbel, Loren Stahl, John Vastag, Janie Olson, Susan Brudvik, Gary Hanson, John Holman, Missy Froeber and Pastor Corey Bjertness.

I. Call to Order: Larry Audette called the meeting to order.

II. Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Corey Bjertness

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Foundation’s meeting held 11/15/2018 were reviewed. Loren Stahl motioned to accept the minutes with the change of “Chris Kennelly motioned to approve revising the Investment Policy Statement, rather than revisiting. Susan Brudvik seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Financial Reports: Gary Hanson reported on the pledges and contributions for the year as well as the $88,000 distributions made in 2018. Historically The Foundation has just passed the one million mark in distributions. Gary also reviewed the Bucket Summary and financial statements for November. A question was raised as to whether the committee would like to see the Bucket Summary laid out alphabetically (as is now) or chronologically? The committee decided to go with chronologically. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the November financials. Susan Brudvik seconded. Motion approved.

V. Old Business:
   a. Ordinary Hero Mission Trip: A request was made last month for $13,000 to help cover the costs of First Lutheran mission trip expenses. The motion was tabled and the Foundation asked for a revised grant request. A new grant request in the amount of $11,500 for project money and Ordinary Hero administration costs was submitted. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the new grant request in the amount of $11,500 for 20 registered participants or $575/registered participant up to 20. Sandy Korbel seconded and the request for 11,500 or $575/registered participant up to 20 was approved.
   b. New Life Center: The grant request for $5,000 from the New Life Center for their Genesis project has been withdrawn as they have received the amount needed from a benefactor. They will re-submit a new request in January.
   c. LutherCrest Camperships: An approval of $7,325 was made last month for camperships. Pastor Corey asked as to the level of priority for the Foundation. Loren Stahl proposed a congregational campaign to contribute to the camperships. The success of the Youth Stock campaign was discussed. Would the Foundation do a match? It was decided that a time limit to the campaign would be needed and a cap on the match amount should be made. It was proposed that each year a grant request be made by the Family Life team as to monies need that year for the “youth Scholarship Fund” This would encompass any camperships, events and trips for the youth that year. A proposed match would be made by the Foundation and a congregational campaign would then take place. Pastor Corey will bring this idea to the Family Life team and it will be revisited at the January Foundation meeting.
   d. LLS Cook book proposal: Larry has been in contact in regards to this project. He has learned it is still in the works. He requested an invoice. He has had no response yet. He will follow up again and report back at the January meeting.
VI. **New Business:**
   a. **YWCA:** A request was made for $3,000 to provide additional beds at the shelter. Sandy Korbel motioned to approve the request. Janie Olson seconded. Motion approved. Discussion was had and concerns were expressed over the high administrative costs in the budget that was submitted. Without further knowledge it is difficult to say why this is, but something to watch for.
   b. **Working Preacher:** A request for $5,000 from Pastor Dave and Working Preacher for development of a new section of their website was made by email and voted upon. Loren Stahl motioned to approve the request for $5,000 from Working Preacher for their website. Mark Hanson seconded the motion. Motion approved by email vote.

VII. **Reports:**
   a. **President’s Report:** Larry Audette passed around thank cards and letters. The Operation Christmas Shoebox fund has been restocked as has the inventory. It was a great success with over 800 boxes packed and sent!
   b. **Pastor’s Report:** The December income is down, but the Generations of Generosity money is coming in well. 75% of the funds are in hand. Hardhat tours of the enclosed new space were given very successfully on Wednesday night and will continue through the new year.
   c. **Giving Consultant Report:** John is continuing to communicate with articles and visits. He has met with several members who will be including the church in their wills, but wish to remain, for the time, anonymous.
   d. **Council Report:** Council did not meet in December.

VIII. **Adjourn** - Loren Stahl motioned to adjourn. Susan Brudvik seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**
The Next meeting will be January 17, 2019

**Respectfully submitted by:**
Missy Froeber
Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

**Board Member Terms**

**First Terms:**
Susan Brudvik – FY 2018, 19, 20
Lindsey Little – FY 2018, 19, 20
Chris Kennelly – FY 2019, 20, 21

**Second Terms:**
Larry Audette – FY 2017, 18, 19
Janie Olson – FY 2017, 18, 19
Loren Stahl – FY 2017, 18, 19
Sandy Korbel – FY 2018, 19, 20
Mark Hanson – FY 2019, 20, 21
John Vastag – FY 2019, 20, 21