

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

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

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

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

Consent Agenda

- **Minutes** – reviewed November and December meeting minutes.
- **Administrator’s Report** –
- **Committee Reports**
- **Task Force Reports**
- **Pastor’s Reports.**
- **Board Governance Review**
- **Correspondence**

The consent agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. Dave Rogness motioned to approve. Marianna Malm seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

- **Financial Report** – Christy Schilling reviewed the December and end of year finances. The generosity of giving to the church in December exceeded expectations. John Bennett motioned to approve the financial report. Sindy Keller seconded. Motion carried. Rollie Johnson led a prayer of thanksgiving for the people and their generosity toward the church and its mission.
- **Old Business**
 - **Employment Update** - refer to staffing update under New Business.
 - **Continuing Ed Expense** – No discussion.
 - **Generations of Generosity Campaign** – Brief review of the timeline associated with the campaign. Capital campaign kicked off January 17. The deadline for pledges is April 15, 2017. A celebration event will be held in May.

Special Focus – Rollie Johnson led an informative presentation on the L3 Internship project. He shared how it began and the vision for the future. The presentation included cost and benefits associated with the program. The program has been a positive influence both for the participants and First Lutheran.

New Business

End of Year Financial Update Reviewed: A motion to provide a discretionary fund, under Council allocation of no more than 5% of total, for the support of key business needs was discussed.

Dave Rogness motioned to approve. Kathy Helming seconded. Motion carried.

Housing Allowance: Pastor Corey made a motion to keep pastoral housing allowances the same as last year. Marianna Malm motioned to approve. Jane Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Staffing Update (no action required)

Campaign Expense: Capital campaign expenses have been managed through the General Fund to date. Discussion led to the decision that the capital campaign expenses would be managed from the funds raised not the General Fund.

Sending prayer – Pastor Bill offered the closing prayer.

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Meal provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Helming
Secretary