

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Council – Loren Stahl, Kathy Helming, Jane Nelson, Sindy Keller, Gary Inman, Chris Kraemer, Marianna Malm. Staff – Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Laurie Neil, Christy Schilling, Daniel Damico.

Devotion and Opening Prayer – Pastor Corey Bjertness – “The Greatest”

The meeting was called to order by Gary Inman. Mission and Vision Statements were read.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion to accept minutes as presented by Marianna Malm, seconded by Sindy Keller. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

- **Administrator Report**
- **Financial Report** – Action Required – **Motion to approve financial report by Kathy Helming, seconded by Chris Kraemer. Motion carried.**
- **Review Governance** - Council Governance Policies were read.
- **Old Business**
 - Update on Facility Task Force – feasibility meeting cancelled due to low numbers
 - Homeless Jesus – everything on track, Terry Yoney will continue to be Josiah Bjertness’ mentor on this
 - Children’s Ministry Director Job Search – Meggie DeJong has accepted the job
 - Health Insurance Review – pause on this for the time being
 - Change of bank from US Bank to Bell State Bank – Met with Bell State Bank, changing over would save FLC about \$1,000 per year in fees. We continue to have customer service issues with US Bank. Need to decide if board action will be required.
- **New Business**
 - Grant Update – Verbal agreement has been stated by the donor, waiting on paperwork to be finalized. Council discussed the potential grant – Permission for staff to proceed with the execution of the grant plan (hiring of the employees/interns) was approved with the stipulation that the grant be confirmed prior to any hires being made. Council also requested semi-annual reports on the grant, with special emphasis in years 3 and 4 to ensure future budget implications are addressed before the grant expires.
 - Nominating Committee – need to tell them what our needs are. Jane Nelson and Dave Rogness will run again, Brad Williams will go off, so one position open.
 - Housing Allowance – **Motion that the housing allowances will be accepted for each of our pastors as they have reported to the business manager and remain in effect until further action by the board by Gary Inman, seconded by Sindy Keller. Motion carried.**
- **FLC Mission**
 - Recap of Joint Meeting – no meeting this month

Sending prayer – Pastor Corey Bjertness offered a prayer.

Executive Session

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. Meal provided.