

**First Lutheran Church Council**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**  
**James Bjorge Adult Education Room**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Gary Inman-president, Sindy Keller-vice president, Dave Rogness-past president, Loren Stahl-treasurer, Jane Nelson, Chris Kraemer, John Bennet, John Holman, Missy Froeber, Daniel Damico, Pastor Laurie Neil, and Pastor Corey Bjertness

Mr. Inman opened the meeting by reading the mission and vision statements. Members introduced themselves.

Pastor Bjertness gave the devotions and prayed.

A big thank you went to Mr. Holman for his efforts in the fundraising campaign.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Bennet motioned to accept the Consent Agenda and Ms. Keller seconded. Motion approved.

**Regular Agenda**

**Financial Report:** Mr. Damico reported on the financials. Mr. Kraemer motioned to approve the financials and Ms. Nelson seconded. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

- **Employment update** – Christi has resigned and FLC is looking for a replacement.
- **Continuing Ed. Expense** – Meeting is next week
- **Generations of Generosity Campaign** – We had over 200 donors/22% of households. We were hoping for 30%, however, a number of donors have said they would give in the fall and/or in December. \$13,150,000 is the final target number. We do have an extra gift that has not been earmarked for anything specific that could be used if needed.
- **Ministry at the Sanctuary** – Letters were written to the bishops and Dan. There has been no reply as of yet in regards to the Beer and Hymns event.
- **GOG Fund Management** – The matching gift donor asked that they be billed as the bills come in rather than give the whole amount at once.

**Special Focus:**

**University Lutheran Center** – Pastor Corey explained that FLC has been asked to be the managing partner at the ULC on the NDSU campus. He handed out a project analysis and explained the proposal. There is a possibility of a single donor who would be willing to fund the first three years. Discussion by committee followed on the feasibility of the project and which option is best for us. It was agreed that Pastor Corey and John Holman should move forward with finding funding.

## **New Business:**

**Staffing for the Future** – Faith in Action Pastor, First in Mission Director and interns for youth programs are staffing needs to be filled. Pastor Laurie will become the Servant Leadership pastor. A new High School Student Life Coach is needed as Kaitlyn is getting married and moving. Meggie will become the Middle School Student Life Coach. Katie will become the Christian Education Director. We will need a new Parish Nurse.

Terry Yoney will become a part time employee once we reach the \$13 million mark for giving.

Erik will stay and become the Director of Programming and Communication.

A full time Receptionist/Registrar/Scheduler and a part-time cook are being considered.

Pastor Corey requested approval to use the \$100,000 and the \$70,000 in mortgage savings for new hire salaries. Discussion on moving forward with new hires followed and the Council approved the request.

**Request for General Fund Reimbursement** – Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the General Fund reimbursement. Mr. Kraemer seconded. Motion approved.

**Request for ULC Campaign Ministry** – Pastor Corey asked for a motion to proceed with the planning process and fund raising for the ULC Campaign/Ministry. Mr. Inman made the motion to proceed with planning and fundraising with the provision of a later vote to be taken on the options and contract for the building. Ms. Keller seconded the motion. Motion approved to proceed with the planning and fundraising, but a vote to be taken later on the options and contract for the building.

**Request for Transfer to Bihar** – Pastor Corey requested that the offering taken during Lenten services be used to help make the \$15,000 match for the Bihar mission project. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve. Mr. Kraemer seconded. Motion approved.

**Ordination of Dave Adams** – Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in Grand Forks. It was decided it would be a nice gesture if some Council members could attend. Pastor Laurie will call Kim, his wife, to ask about a gift.

**Next council Meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Council will skip meeting in June as many people will be absent.**

**Council Nominees** – Mr. Inman will review member terms as Loren Stahl and Kathy Helming may be at their term limit. Information will be sent to Al Neilson.

**Synod Assembly** – June 3 and 4 at the Holiday Inn. Council members may get called to attend.

Pastor Corey is being promoted to Lt. Colonel on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

Meeting Adjourned.