

First Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
James Bjorge Adult Education Room
MINUTES

Attendees: Gary Inman- president, Kathy Helming-secretary, Loren Stahl, Chris Kraemer, John Bennett, Jane Nelson, Sindy Keller, Marianna Malm, Dave Rogness, Danelle Kjar, Pastor Laurie Neil, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Pastor Dave Adams and Missy Froeber.

The Mission and Vision statements were read. Pastor Corey Bjertness opened with devotions, Philippians 4

Consent Agenda

Committee reports were emailed to the Council.

Pastor Corey Bjertness gave an update on all the events that have happened in January .

The January minutes were reviewed. Marianna Malm motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Chris Kraemer seconded. Motion approved.

Architect Update – Dave Rogness reported that the bidding climate feels good for possible savings. Two congregational engagement meetings were held in February and both were well attended with positive comments. Electrical and mechanical meetings have been held and sound and visual meetings are being set. We are at the Construction Document phase of the build and are on schedule for the June start.

Financials

Danelle Kjar reported on the financials. We are short this month, but are adjusting expenses accordingly. Pastor Corey will probably transfer \$50,000 to cover shortages as some time. First Lutheran Giving Hearts had a \$70,000 impact this year. Dave Rogness motioned to accept the financials. Jane Nelson seconded. Motion approved.

NOTE: The Stewardship thank you packets are ready and the Stewardship Committee has asked for help from the Council in sending thank yous.

Old Business:

- Building Project Architect Liability Ins. has been bound; \$10 million coverage with 18 months of construction and 5 years beyond. We will also have an extra risk policy with our current insurance company.

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee** – The committee currently has 4 members at large and whoever is coming off the Council. They would like the Council to review and change the by-laws to have 6 members at large with 2 replaced every year. This requires a change in the Constitution. A Task Force was formed to review the constitution as pertains to committee descriptions and terms including the Nominating Committee. Gary Inman, Loren Stahl, Sindy Keller and Pastor Corey will be on the task force. Missy will send Gary the contact information of each committee chair who will be asked to participate in the task force.

NOTE: a correction was made to Council Terms as listed on the agenda. Sindy Keller is in her 2nd Term and 1st Year.

- **Annual Meeting Date** – It was decided the Annual Meeting date would be July 29th. The Task Force will have their recommendations of changes to committee descriptions and terms for the Constitution ready for that time frame.
- **Slovakia** – It is the 20th Anniversary of the school and Pastor Corey & Bev and Pastor Laurie and Doug will travel to represent First Lutheran. Pastor Corey asked the Council's thoughts on how important this event is and whether it should be funded by the church. The council determined it was staff development and the knowledge gained would be incorporated as part of pastoral preaching and teaching. The Council agreed it was important to have a presence in Slovakia and that the church should help fund the trip. Pastor Corey will bring more information for the next meeting.

Next council Meeting will be held on March 20, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Froeber
Executive Assistant

An Executive Session followed.