

**First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018**

Council members Present: Darren Krein, Rick West, Suzanne Demuth, Kirsten Kragness, Dick Felstul, Kim Ward, Anne Taylor, Mark Hermes Debbie Opatz, Pr. Marcus Kunz, Pr. Martha Halls

Council Members Absent: Joe Ellig

President Darren Krein called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Pr. Marcus provided devotions and prayer.

Review and approval of the agenda: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

Review and approval of the January 9, 2018 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

Review and approval of the January 2018 Treasurer's report: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

Pastor Reports:

Pastor Martha/Marcus: Discussion on attendance/donations being down. What has changed? Special council meeting related to this planned for Tuesday, February 20th from 5:30-8:30.

Old Business:

- Call Committee report
- Annual meeting went well

New Business

- "Together in Ministry" was February 6th
- "Equipping Congregations Day is February 24th 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Committee Reports:

- Education: June 4-8 Butterflies; Palm Sunday plans, still struggling to find Sunday School teachers
- Youth: Discussion on Houston; still searching for a council member for this committee
- Stewardship: Need overview of what stewardship is – both donations AND time
- Worship: Easter/Lent/Palm Sunday planning

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary