

**First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018**

Council members Present: Greg Peterson, Darren Krein, Greg Wagner, Kirsten Kragness, Kim Ward, Terry Gervais, Debbie Opatz, Joe Ellig, Anne Taylor, Mark Hermes, Pr. Marcus Kunz, Pr. Martha Halls

Council Members Absent: Tonya Bergren, Dick Felstul

President Greg Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pr. Marcus provided devotions and prayer.

Review and approval of the agenda: Motion made by Darren Krein to approve, seconded by Kim Ward, motion carried.

Review and approval of the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes: Motion made by Darren Krein, seconded by Kristen Kragness, motion carried.

Review and approval of the December 2017 Treasurer's report: Motion made by Debbie Opatz, seconded by Kim Ward, motion carried.

Annual Meeting on January 28th. Annual Reports due on January 15, 2018

Pastor Reports:

Pastor Martha/Marcus: Conference 7 Meeting: with law enforcement; discussions of safety and partnering with them. Chaperones have been found for national youth gathering in Houston this summer. The group will fly to conference. There will be no round robin with pastors during Lent this year. Together in Ministry is February 6 at Hope Evangelical from 7-8:30. Announcement of retirement of Cindy Larson.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committee report

New Business

- Law Enforcement Consult: Staff met with an officer who gave some ideas on safety. Would like to meet with the council in the coming months.
- Annual Meeting discussion
- **Approve 2018 Budget for presentation at Annual Meeting – After much discussion, a motion was made by Kim Ward to:**
 - **Transfer \$12,000 from register balance to budget reserve**
 - **Remainder of register balance to be distributed proportionately between remaining benevolence balances**
 - **Transfer \$6,027.45 from Tanzania fund to pay benevolences to Tanzania**
 - **Transfer remaining \$4,934.29 to a new category, "Youth Mission"**

This motion was seconded by Greg Peterson, motion carried.

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary