

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

**Council members Present:** Darren Krein, Suzanne Demuth, Anne Taylor, Kirsten Kragness, Jennifer Frank, Terry Gervais, Mark Hermes, Joe Ellig, Debbie Opatz, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

**Council Members Absent:** Dick Felstul, Kim Ward

President Darren called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pr. Gretchen asked for prayers from all council members.

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

**Review and approval of the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.**

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

Pastor Report: Discussion on the following topics:

- "Stewardship – Cultivating Generous Congregations"; Pastor Gretchen has 4 people now signed up
- Thank you card from Kristy Wicklund
- **Motion to approve a bonus of \$2,500 to Katrina for her extra work over the previous months, seconded, motion carried**
- Asked for volunteer to attend Youth Committee meeting. Debbie will attend

**New Business**

- Amy Baldwin: Discussion on 6-9-month goals. At this time, we are working on staffing. We will focus on volunteer engagement and training as this affects the other areas. Council members will speak during church service on council and committee issues and possibly upcoming events.
- Behavior Guidance Policy change to "Give Me Five" – **Motion made to approve policy change, seconded, motion carried.**
- Wedding Brochure review/change in pricing. **Motion made to approve the brochure, seconded, motion carried.**
- 2018 Benevolence new distribution proposal: **Motion made to approve the distribution, seconded, motion carried.** A new distribution needs to be created for 2019.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership: Six new members currently New Members Sunday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Stewardship: Stewardship Sunday is November 18th  
Education: Still in need of more Sunday School Teachers; Christmas Program is December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Outreach: Letter sent to Meals by Wheels to notify her of our change to our scheduled riders starting in 2019.  
Property: Possible new sign for Union Avenue  
Worship: New sound system complete  
Youth: Harvest Dinner: November 8th  
Alter Guild: New chalice possibly being made; baked bread on first Sunday of every month for Communion

Please see attached committee reports for more information.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary