**First Lutheran Church**

**Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2018**

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

**Council Members Absent:** None

President Darren called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pr. Gretchen asked council members to take one minute of silence and had an opening prayer.

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

**Review and approval of the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes:** Change made to add Rick West to those attending the October meeting. **Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.**

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

Pastor Report: Discussion on the following topics:

* “Stewardship – Cultivating Generous Congregations” - update
* Youth Position
* Live Streaming has begun and is going well; there is a need for volunteers to run the equipment on Sunday mornings
* Website going live on November 14.
* Pastor Nancy Eldredge Hess to help develop a mission statement for us.
* 100 meals for Sunday’s Stewardship (Discipleship) Sunday on November 18.
* Harvest Dinner went well

**New Business**

* $6,000 donation from church member was designated to go to the choir, possibly for robes. Worship Committee looked into it and determined that choir robes are not needed at this time. They asked the donor if she would consider having the donation go towards the organ repair and she agreed. **A motion was made to reallocate the money from the choir to the organ fund, motion seconded, motion carried.**
* Call Committee Update (Joe Ellig): Mostly complete, still looking for a young person to complete the committee.
* Council Nominating Committee (Dick Felstul): VP position has been filled. Still need to find individuals for the Worship, Membership, Education, and Youth positions.
* Discipleship Sunday: November 18th. Darren, Pastor Gretchen, Rick and Dick will speak.
* Christmas Baskets: Assembly: December 14; Delivery: December 15

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports:**

Please see attached committee reports for information.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary