

**First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019**

Council members Present: Dick Felstul, Steve Guttormson, Jennifer Frank, Mark Hermes, Harriet Wicklund, Joe Ellig, Terry Gervais, Debbie Opatz, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

Council Members Absent: Rick West, Suzanne Demuth

Education Committee Member Present: Kirsten Kragness

Church Staff Present: Katrina Johnson

Guests: Larry Dorn, Leslie Flugstad

President Dick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pr. Gretchen did devotions and a prayer.

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

Review and approval of the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

Review and approval of the February 2019 Treasurer's report: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

Cultivating Generous Congregations: Larry Dorn and Leslie Flugstad in attendance at meeting to discuss what was learned during courses that they, Pastor Gretchen and Steve Guttormson attended. This group will join with the Stewardship Committee to implement actions.

Pastor Report:

- 2019 Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly being held June 7-9, 2019. Voting on new Synod Bishop.
- Bishop Larry Wohlrabe guest preacher at First Lutheran, possibly on April 28th.
- Lenten Service at First Lutheran on March 13
- Fellowship Committee feeding Boys Choir
- Membership Records need updating – two issues: updating records and contacting members. **Motion made to start process of updating membership list, seconded, motion carried.**

Old Business

- Mission Statement Proposed: “As faithful disciples, we serve God and welcome all people with open hearts.”; **motion made to approve Mission Statement, seconded, motion carried.**
- Call Committee will have a joint meeting with the Executive Committee on April 2nd.
- Parking lot rental contracts expire April 1; new contracts have been mailed.
- Continuing Ed request from Calie and Kristy and key speaker not attending, they will not attend

New Business

- Radio Broadcast needs funding
- Sabbatical Policy: Personnel Committee will discuss
- Facility Use Research – report by Steve Guttormson
 - **Motion made to explore using our facilities for child care, seconded, motion carried**

Committee Reports:

Please see attached committee reports for information.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary