

**First Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019**

**Council members Present:** Dick Felstul, Steve Guttormson, Jennifer Frank, Mark Hermes, Harriet Wicklund, Joe Ellig, Rick West, Suzanne Demuth, Debbie Opatz, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

**Council Members Absent:** Terry Gervais

**Church Staff Present:** Katrina Johnson

**Guests:** Call Committee members Linda Mellon, Ann Rotto, Michael Wicklund

President Dick called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm. Pr. Gretchen read our mission statement, did devotions and led a prayer.

Discussion with call committee members present on the committee's purpose and direction. It was recommended that the call committee move towards becoming a Mutual Ministry Committee. This committee's purpose would be to listen and react to concerns /ideas from all staff and from church members. This information would then be brought to the council if necessary. **A motion was made to begin the process of setting up the Mutual Ministry Committee, seconded, motion carried.**

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

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

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

**Pastor Report:**

- Council supports three communion stations. Harriet will discuss with the Worship Committee.
- Take note of Calie's report.

**Old Business**

- Parking lot contracts renewed.
- Radio Broadcast Funds: How to pay – cut price? Co-sponsor or Full-sponsor? **Motion made to put \$2,500 of Benevolences towards this fund as it is considered outreach, and to make it part of the General Budget next year, motion seconded, motion carried.**
- Facility Use: Steve Guttormson attended a meeting looking at needs of Fergus Falls; our possible childcare project is on their radar.

**New Business**

- Terry Gervais from the Fellowship Committee has turned in her resignation on the council. There is no replacement at this time. **A motion was made to accept this resignation, seconded, motion carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

- Personnel Committee: Reviewing Pastor Gretchen's contract and our personnel policy handbook.
- Building Committee: Automatic lights will be installed in four locations within the church, price covered by a private donation.
- **Motion made to combine Stewardship Committee and Discipleship group, motion seconded, motion carried.**

Please see attached committee reports for more information.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary