

**First Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2019**

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

**Council Members Absent:** Joe Ellig

**Guests Present:** Sara Koch, representing Youth Committee; Kristy Wicklund, Education Committee

President Dick called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. Pr. Gretchen read a devotion and led a prayer.

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

**Review and approval of the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes: Corrections to be made to minutes reflecting the years for concerts under “Old Business”, Organ Fund Update”. Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.**

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

**Pastor Report:**

- Synod Assembly Update:
  - New bishop elected is Bill Tesch, from Sioux Falls, SD
  - “Building a Bigger Table” discussion – going outside our congregation for local mission work
  - Childcare breakout session
- Pr. Gretchen handed out Committee Descriptions at last council meeting; has not received any back yet. Encourages all committee leaders on council to get this completed by date of July meeting
- Need help with Membership Committee
- Ice Cream being served at July 3<sup>rd</sup> worship at First Lutheran
- “Christ in Your Recovery” 13-week program going very well.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> scheduled for blessing of the animals has been cancelled for this year.
- Relay For Life Team has raised over \$4,000; walking on June 14 from 5-9

**Old Business**

- Correction to May 2019 minutes to reflect concert dates for Organ Fund
- Facility Use Research: **motion was made to form a task force to study the feasibility of childcare at First Lutheran, seconded, motion carried.**
- Sabbatical Policy is with Personnel Committee – needs to be updated

**New Business**

- Health Insurance: Katrina has done some research to check for better insurance/rates with or outside of Portico.
- No council meeting in July
- Parking lot sign being refurbished; cost covered by private donation
- Interior automatic lights being installed in church; cost covered by private donation

**Committee Reports:**

- Education Committee: Decision made to keep Sunday School schedule the same as last year, so information can be collected and measured on whether the schedule is working or not.
- Property: Bids for resurfacing, striping parking lot. **Motion made to hire S&N Sealcoating of Perham to resurface/strip parking lot for bid of \$7,480, motion seconded, motion carried.**
- Youth Committee: upcoming trips to Detroit Lakes, Valley Fair, and Morris (Feed My Starving Children) in the works

- Stewardship Committee: Committee Members: Rick West (Chair), Darren Krein, Larry Dorn, Leanoard Hatzenbuhler, Dawn Danielson, Steve, Gattormson, Leslie Flugstad, Jeani Trosvig, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

Please see attached committee reports for more information.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary