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 3rd worship at First Lutheran
- “Christ in Your Recovery” 13-week program going very well.
- October 6th 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/stripe 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