

**First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019**

Council members Present: Dick Felstul, Steve Guttormson, Suzanne Demuth, Jennifer Frank, Harriet Wicklund, Sara Koch, Rick West, Mark Hermes, Debbie Opatz, JoAn Whitlock, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

Council Members Absent: Abbey Kwapinski

Guests present: Katrina Johnson

President Dick Felstul called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 September 10, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

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

Pastor Report:

- Pastor Stan report: 26-45 visits per month
- Generosity Sunday will be November 10th; Bishop will be speaking; fruit/pastries provided by congregation
- A small church wants to use our sanctuary Sunday evenings at 7 P.M.; more info needed

Old Business

- Over \$9,000 raised for organ fund at the fundraising concert. Approximately 100 in attendance.
- Health insurance – **motion made to continue to use Portico as insurance provider and to offer family plan to Calie Anderson, seconded, motion carried.**
- Building tour held on October 7th with Anne Gerrietts from ELCA Mission Investments Fund – see written report. Will need to go to congregation for input on priorities.
- Nominating committee – meeting the week of October 14th.

New Business

- Balcony stained glass window – no need to close off unless there is a strong wind. **Motion made to fix the window now, seconded, motion carried.**
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Committee Reports:

- Stewardship - Generosity Sunday – Rick West will be speaking before the service on November 10th.
- Outreach – Giving Tree will be started early this year
- Worship: Question on whether there will be worship on Christmas Day – worship and music will make the decision with Pastor Gretchen.
- Personnel – working with office staff on various issues
- Please see committee reports for more information.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary