

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

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

Council Members Absent: Sara Koch, Mark Hermes

Guests present: Katrina Johnson, Steve Emerson

President Dick Felstul called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pr. Gretchen read a devotion and led a prayer. She also read our mission statement to keep it in mind when making decisions

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

Review and approval of the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.

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

Pastor Report:

- Generosity Sunday went well; Bishop Tesch spoke
- 53 potential members called by Ted Steenbock

Old Business

- Organ Funding Update – the \$20,000 fundraising goal has been met
- Membership Records – Steve Guttormson volunteered to write a draft letter to inactive members
- Long range planning for Capital Projects, Daycare Facility, and Associate Pastor still in the works
- Nominating Committee update – most of the spots have been filled; still need VP and membership chair
- Balcony window update – interior frame not as bad as originally thought; work is moving forward
- Staff Relations – training, etc. going well; Pastor Blair Anderson very helpful
- Harvest Dinner went well – over 500 served

New Business

- 2020 Budget Planning – budget will be proposed at next council meeting
- Thanksgiving Services will be held November 27th at 6 P.M.
- Discussion of a new portable altar was held; more research is needed on costs and will be brought to a future council meeting
- The Annual Meeting will be held January 26, 2020.

Committee Reports:

- Outreach – Food Baskets will be prepared on December 13th, delivered December 14th; Jennifer will be contacting the Operation Bootstrap speaker and ask him to bring in a speaker from Tanzania.
- Worship – decision has been made to not hold a Christmas Day service.
- Personnel – Steve Emerson reporting at council meeting; Dick Felstul and Steve Guttormson have been attending meetings, very helpful; committee requesting EQ/EI training for at least Pastor Gretchen (maybe more). **Motion was made to approve the training concept with more details expected to follow, motion seconded, approved.**
- Education – Christmas Program will be held December 15 at 11 A.M.
- Fellowship – Advent services will be held December 4th, 11th, and 18th; lunches will follow the noon services

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary