

**First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018**

Council members present: Suzanne Demuth, Joe Ellig, Terry Gervais, Mark Hermes, Kirsten Kragness, Darren Krein, Anne Taylor, Pr. Martha Halls, Pr. Marcus Kunz

Council members absent: Dick Felstul, Debbie Opatz, Kim Ward, Rick West, Jennifer Frank

President Darren Krein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening prayer provided by visiting Synod Mission Interpreter, who also spoke about the role of the ELCA in the wider church and as our partner in ministry.

Jennifer Smestad, Youth Committee representative, engaged the council in a discussion about current concerns regarding youth programming and future needs to ensure the youth program remains meaningful and engaging.

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

Review and approval of February 2018 meeting minutes: No minutes to approve.

Review and approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion made to approve report; motion seconded; motion carried.

Pastor Reports

Pastor Marcus

- Presented plan for addressing financial investment in our church ministry. Led discussion of goals, tasks, and immediate steps to put plan into place. A subcommittee of Suzanne Demuth, Darren Krein, Rick West, Joe Ellig, Pastor Martha, and Pastor Marcus will meet on March 18 to clarify current priorities as a starting point in the plan.

New Business

- Call process update: Pastor Enoch's background checks are in progress.
- Office personnel: Personnel Committee recommended the hiring of Lori Whitehead as the new Office Assistant. Motion made to approve the hiring of Lori at a rate of \$14 an hour for 20 hours a week; motion seconded; motion carried.
- Parking rental: Joe Ellig presented information on leasing parking spaces. Motion made to approve new leasing arrangement for six parking spaces with the Highland accounting firm and to give Joe the authority to negotiate future leasing agreements as needed; motion seconded; motion carried.

No committee reports.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting; motion seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Taylor, acting secretary