

First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Council members present: Dick Felstul, Steve Guttormson, Suzanne Demuth, Abbey Kwapinski, Jennifer Frank, Mark Hermes, Harriet Wicklund, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

Council members absent: Rick West, Joe Ellig, Terry Gervais

Church staff present: Katrina, Calie and Kristy

President Dick Felstul called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Pr. Gretchen did devotions and a prayer.

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

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

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

Pastor's report:

- Pr. Gretchen shared the "Traveling Church" concept for Lent. Services will move between FLC, Zion, Augustana, Hope and Bethlehem. Hosting church provides noon meal and supper. Announcements (verbal and written) will be shared regarding how offering funds will be directed.
- Pr. Gretchen asked for 2 council representatives to attend the conference assembly at FLC on February 24 (2 pm). Dick Felstul and Jennifer Frank volunteered to attend.
- Elected delegates Dick and Debbie Felstul and Steve and Nancy Guttormson will attend the Synod Assembly in Moorhead June 7 & 8.
- The Cultivating Generous Congregations group continues to meet and will present at the March meeting.
- Pr. Gretchen reports her surgery went well, and she is very appreciative of all the support from the congregation. She will find out in the coming weeks what additional treatments will be required.

Old Business:

- Review and discussion of revised mission statement options from Nancy Eldredge-Hess. Proposed statement: "As faithful disciples, we serve God and welcome all people with open hearts." Suggested vote at March meeting to approve.
- Summer Youth Trip
 - Limited interest from youth to attend an Outlaw Ranch trip this summer
 - Calie is exploring options for a smaller trip closer to the area

New Business:

- Call Committee Update
 - Dick Felstul met with Linda Mellon
 - Call Committee met with the Assistant to the Bishop
 - Call Committee would like to meet with council in the next 1-2 months to discuss objectives, expectations and the need for the committee to feel enthusiasm and support for their work.
- Organ Project Funding
 - Motion made, seconded and carried for \$12,000 per year over 5 years.

- Need to move funds for 2018 soon and 2019 within the year.
- Suzanne will review notes and account balances to determine where funds are available.
- Steve Guttormson will meet with Gifts and Memorials Committee to ask for financial participation.
- FLC Foundation is providing financial support, believed to be \$4,000 per year for 4 years.
- Keith Melberg is exploring options to host an organ concert once the project is complete.
- Various musical groups at FLC plan to host a concert/fundraiser in the fall of 2019.
- Parking lot rental contracts
 - Current rates expire April 1, 2019
 - Motion for proposed increase from \$19.50 per space to \$21 per space made, seconded and carried.
- Children's choir
 - Kelsee, Kristy and Pr. Gretchen have decided to discontinue the program for the rest of the school year but hope to restart in the fall.
 - Motion made to discontinue Kelsee's paid position after February. Motion seconded and carried.
- Continuing Ed request
 - Calie and Kristy presented information on a continuing education opportunity in Atlanta, GA that they would like to attend.
 - Calie estimates total cost for the 2 of them to be between \$1500-2000. There is an early bird discount for registration by February 21.
 - Motion made, seconded and approved to utilize family ministry funds for this request.

Committee reports-see attached reports for information.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded, meeting adjourned. Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Frank (acting secretary for Debbie Opatz)