

**First Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2019**

**Council members Present:** Dick Felstul, Steve Guttormson, Jennifer Frank, Harriet Wicklund, Sara Koch, Rick West, Suzanne Demuth, Abbey Kwapinski, Joe Ellig, Debbie Opatz, Pr. Gretchen Enoch

**Council Members Absent:** Mark Hermes

President Dick called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 June 14, 2019 meeting minutes: Motion made to approve, seconded, motion carried.**

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

**Pastor Report:**

- New Member classes on November 10 at 11:00/ November 14 at 5:30. New member Sunday is December 8.
- Looking for confirmation teachers. There will be 50 students this year.
- Vicki Hanneman will be leading confirmation this year.
- Worship outside on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church; potluck dinner afterwards.
- Worship at First Lutheran on Wednesday, August 14. Vacation Bible School will be leading service.
- November 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving service with all ELCA churches in Fergus Falls will be held at First Lutheran at 6:00 p.m.
- Joint Advent services with ELCA churches in Fergus Falls will be held at First Lutheran, with rotating pastors leading the services.

**Old Business**

- Organ Fund Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$41,000 has been made; A concert fundraiser for the organ will be held October 6.
- Membership Records – Leonard Hatzenbuhler has been assisting.
- Facility Use Research: meeting held in July
- Health Insurance review: new rates from Portico will be out in September and we will know more

**New Business**

- **Sara Koch has volunteered to be the Youth Committee representative on the council. A motion was made to accept her addition to the council, seconded, motion carried. Welcome Sara!**
- **Kelsey Ellig has decided to resign as the Children's Choir Director; she is writing a letter of resignation. A motion was made to accept her resignation, seconded, motion carried.**
- Janelle Trosvig is considering taking the position of Children's Choir Director.
- New procedure for making coffee on Sundays – committees to take a month? Confirmants and their parents? Dick will look into this further.
- Long range planning for Capital Projects, Daycare Facility, Associate Pastor:
  - ELCA Mission Investment Fund consultant to come to First Lutheran and assess our immediate capital needs.
  - Strategic Planning – consider hiring outside help; more information to follow

**Committee Reports:**

- Personnel: Discussion of pastor reviews – where should this fall? Personnel Committee policy will be amended to state that the Chair of this committee conducts the annual review of the pastor with the consultation of others at the discretion of the Chair.
- Please see attached committee reports for more information.

**Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded, meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Opatz, First Lutheran Church Council Secretary