



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 12, 2023, 10:15am- 12:05pm

Next meeting March 12

“To worship God as an intergenerational praying community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

Members Present: Wendy Szczepanski, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions - Kathy

March- Wendy

B. Sharing Story-

Becky, Kathy, Wendy, Pastor Dwight

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight had many in person visits with people. He led worship at the Lodge on January 25. He participated in the Vision Task Force and Building Task Force. He led choir rehearsals.

Pastor signed us up for Feed my Starving Children so he will get notification when the time slots are open.

Pastor Dwight will be out of town March 8-11. Becky will lead the music for the Lenten service.

Pastor Dwight will lead an Ash Wednesday service at The Lodge on February 22 at 1:30.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our income in January (\$9942.75) is a little less than adequate for our budget. Our income (59%) and expenses (54%) are right on according to our budget. We have \$1679.64 more in our accounts than last month.

The council would like the auditing committee to meet quarterly. Pastor Dwight will set up a meeting to go over the tasks the committee needs to perform.

Kathy motioned, Becky seconded, that Lent offering be designated for Feed my Starving Children. Motion passed.

Wendy made a motion, Craig seconded, that we donate \$25 to the Baptist church for expenses related to the TF teacher’s luncheon held on February 3. The money will come out of line item 6435. Motion passed.

E. Property committee projects

The council reviewed the property projects proposed by the Property Committee.

Finishing up the landscaping was already approved by the congregation so it will be completed this spring or summer.

The council determined that replacing the boiler for the Sunday School area is the most important project. The council directs the property committee to get 3 bids on a new boiler. Once the bids are completed we will have a congregational meeting.

Craig motioned, second by Becky, that we remodel the bathrooms on the east end of fellowship hall and replace the two exterior doors on the north side of the church door in the kitchen and the door on the NE corner) approving up to \$2500 to come out of line 3040 (property projects). Motion passed.

The council also directs the Property Committee to secure a second bid on repaving the parking lot.

F. Vision Group -

The group met last week. Steve and Jeanie Jensen were here to share about their church's shared ministry journey. The Vision Task Force plans to connect with local pastors and community leaders to find out how First is viewed by the community. The Vision Task Force will meet every two weeks so we continue to move forward on our Shared Ministry journey. The next meeting is February 21 from 5:00-7:00. Pastor Dwight and Don Hansen will attend Peace Lutheran's council meeting (Dresser church) on Thursday to begin the conversation with them about shared ministry.

G. New business

Festival Theatre asked to rent space for rehearsal during the last 3 weeks in July from noon to 9 PM. Wendy will connect with them about using the fellowship hall. We will ask that they be flexible in case we need to have a funeral.

H. Motion to adjourn by Craig, second Becky

Coming up: Toolkit, Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley, February 25 from 9:00-2:45
FMSC Mobile Pack at Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake April 19-22
Synod Assembly, St. Andrews Lutheran, Mahtomedi, May 12,13

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary