



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 13 (Sunday), 2022, 10:15 am at church

Next meeting: March 13, 2022

“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, Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** Kathy Carlsted

Guest: Justin Grimm

A. Opening Devotions – Dwight

March - Rose

B. Sharing Story- Wendy

C. Mission Statement, the why- Justin Grimm

Justin was invited by Pastor Dwight to follow up on the “why” conversation presented at a synod workshop attended by members of the council.

Before we can determine what shared ministry will look like we need to determine what our congregation’s goals are. What do we feel God is leading us to do?

Justin discussed some programs offered by the synod and asked some questions about our history. He suggested we take the next 6 months to listen to members of the congregation to determine who we are and what God is calling us to do.

The council decided to have Justin come and train interested members of the congregation in spiritual listening so we can determine our goals prior to pursuing shared ministry.

D. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight had several in person and phone visits this month. He also officiated for two non member funerals.

Pastor Dwight will connect with Craig to set up staff performance reviews. He needs to determine if there is paperwork that needs to be done.

Evening Lent services will be held in person starting with Ash Wednesday, March 2. It will be a simple service incorporating sharing thoughts about the readings without a sermon. The services will not be recorded.

Confirmation students will come in early to meet in person prior to the Lent service.

Pastor Dwight will organize a meeting for the Reopening Task group to determine when it is safe to have fellowship time after the service.

E. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

January had 5 weeks. Our offering for January was \$3000 over budget.

We should be at 58% of our budget. Our Income is at 66% and Expenses are at 55%.

PPP loan forgiveness paperwork received back on February 8, 2022. We have successfully completed two rounds of this loan program.

We have \$41,725 available to for property projects

F. Road Sign(s) - Wendy

Wendy found out the county makes the sign and installs them. The charge is \$350 for each sign. It was decided to table the decision for a month so council members can look at signs in the county and think about what they want and where to have the sign placed.

G. Basement Water

The property committee has not received any replies for estimates for the gutter work.

The property committee will put together a proposal to present to the congregation so we know how much money will be needed for concrete work, gutters, caulking and landscaping.

A Motion by Rose, seconded by Craig, to have a congregation meeting after church on March 20 to approve a proposal to have work done to prevent water from coming in the basement. Motion carried.

H. Upcoming events

- **Member visits**
- **February 26, Toolkit for church leaders, 8:30-12:15, Prince of Peace, Burnsville**
- **Ash Wednesday – March 2**

I. Motion to adjourn, second

Craig motioned to adjourn. Becky and Rose second.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary