



Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 12, 2017

Members Present: Joe Landgreen, Gayle Langer, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Duane Olson, Rose Anderson **Members Absent** Sharna Braucks, Riley Linngren

Opening Prayer- Don- Read the new Mission Statement: The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational community, to learn Gods Word, and to build lasting relationships as we grow in God's love and grace.

- A. Pastor's Report-** Both Lent services going well. Book study going well, new one planned at local coffee shops. Four are attending first group.
- B. President's Report- Designation of Lenten offering.** Together with friends and World Hunger was designated in 2016. 2nd Harvest Minnesota currently provides match for Family Pathways. Joe moved to give March giving to Family Pathways and April giving to Together with Friends. Rose seconded. Motion carried. There is a need for a policy for the amount of cash stored in the Church. PMK made a motion to instruct the Ministry Coordinator to open all mail and stamp all checks "for deposit only". Also when cash on site exceeds \$300.00, the Ministry Coordinator will call the Council Chair, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer for a bank deposit. Duane seconded. Motion carried. Don gave an update on the computer fixes. BitWorks repaired the current desktops and all are working. **Revelations entries for giving.** Joe made a motion that all identified gifts of record have a Revelations account set up and that donors receive an end of year statement giving. Rose seconded. Motion carried. We also need to acknowledge all those who give special gifts to the church. PMK made a motion we, as grateful recipients, on behalf of FELC, make it a practice for the Council to acknowledge gifts from nonmembers and gifts that appear noteworthy from members, within one month of receipt. Rose Seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Property Committee- Update-** Ceiling paint completed, Bruce and Joe wants to complete walls by Palm Sunday.
- D. Finance Report-** Bills are paid and the current. Actual giving is below budget giving. There was discussion regarding pledge cards and giving envelopes. Giving envelopes will be distributed to all new confirmands.
- E. Other Business-**

Confirmation Board- We need to buy a new stand for the confirmation photos- Joe

Elevator-Emergency call numbers need to updated. PMK will update card

AED defibrillator for church. -Duane will follow up with Becky

Lions Glasses donation box-in place

Newspaper ad for showing worship times for Church- Duane and Don will check on Costs.

Palm Sunday Brunch- Joe and Rose taking the lead on the Brunch

Respectfully Submitted, Don Hansen

FELC Council President

(minutes approved by council majority)