



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 12, 2023, at church 10:25 am-11:20 am

Next meeting: April 16, 2023

“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, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Kathy Carlsted, Miriam Flysjo (via phone)

A. Opening Devotions - Wendy

April - Pastor Dwight

B. Sharing Story- Becky, Kathy

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight led worship services and met in person with some parishioners. He also attended meetings at church and with area pastors.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our income in February (\$8797.00) is less than adequate for our budget. This is the third month in a row we have not met our budget.

Our income (66%) and expenses (61.5%) are right on according to our budget.

We have \$383.19 less in our accounts than last month.

E. Property committee projects

The property committee is planning to go to Menards to save 11% on supplies needed to remodel the bathrooms. Do we need asbestos abatement done first before we remodel the bathrooms? May need a moisture barrier since paint is peeling or may just need a good primer.

Since the Boiler needs to be fixed this spring, repairing the parking lot will happen at a later date.

F. Vision Group -

The Vision Group met Tuesday, March 7. The consensus was to get Rolf/Justin back in to discuss where we are and what our options are to move forward in our shared ministry. We will put the questions to community members on hold for now. We need to ask ourselves what is God’s plan for us in the community? We discussed some shorter mission statements. Pastor will lead the congregation in the quest for a new mission statement. The next meeting of the Vision Group will depend on when Rolf/Justin can meet. Pastor Dwight will send out an email about the next meeting.

Pastor Dwight and Don met with the council members at Peace Lutheran in Dresser. Their pastor is on sabbatical. Their youth pastor is currently filling in as the main pastor. If they can afford 1 ½ pastor we could afford the other half of their second pastor.

We will have a congregation meeting probably April 23 to approve the money necessary to fix the boiler and approve the new mission statement.

Becky is checking on a consulting firm that helps congregations determine their options for leadership.

Motion: Becky made a motion, seconded by Craig, to nominate Miriam and Wendy as voting members at the synod assembly in May 12 and 13. Motion carried.

G. Motion to adjourn, second

Kathy motioned to adjourn and Craig seconded it.

Coming up: Synod Assembly, St. Andrews Lutheran, Mahtomedi, May 12,13
FMSC Mobile Pack at Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake April 19-22

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary