



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Next meeting: April 3, 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 (via Zoom), Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Kathy Carlsted

Church Council Email Meeting March 7, 2022

Pastor Dwight emailed the council a Project Proposal document outlining steps needed to fix the water seepage problem in the basement to be considered at a special congregational meeting on March 20, 2022. After discussion, Craig made a motion to accept the proposed document, Miriam seconded. Rose was informed via phone by Wendy. Motion passed.

A. Opening Devotions - Rose

April - Wendy

B. Sharing Story- Rose, Pastor Dwight

C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight will meet with Craig to conduct the staff evaluations.

The Reopening task force made following recommendations:

1. We no longer need to sign in before worship.
2. Masks at worship will be optional as of 4/3,
3. Begin fellowship after the service on 4/3
4. Continue to use individual communion bread/cups until further notice.

Motion: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Rose, to accept the Reopening Task force's recommendations.

Amendment: Craig made a motion to amend the motion, seconded by Kathy, to proceed with proposal 1 and 4 and table parts 2 and 3 until the April 3rd meeting. Amendment passed.

Palm Sunday- Breakfast- Order rolls and have fellowship.

Community meal at Zion- Monday night at Zion starting May 2. Pastor will attend a meeting to find out what it would mean for First to be involved with the meal.

Feed my starving children sponsored by Hosanna church in Forest Lake. We could put together a group from our church. There was a documentary on PBS that shows the impact the food has on people who are starving. It would be nice to have a link to the video.

Motion: Motion by Becky seconded by Rose to split the Lenten offering between Together with Friends, Feed my Starving Children and the Community Meal. Motion passed.

Meals on Wheels- Pastor Dwight got a call about one family that qualifies for meals but can't get them because there is no Meals on Wheels program serving Taylors Falls. We need more information before we make any commitment since we don't have a commercial kitchen. We need to check with The Lodge.

Outdoor summer worship- Listen to voices in congregation and discuss it at the next meeting.

D. Treasurer's Report - Becky

We need to take in \$9408 a month to stay within our budget. In February we took in a total of \$9874 so we met our budget. We are 66% through the year. Our income is at 76% and our expenses are at 63%

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

E. Basement Water - Special Congregational Meeting

The written proposal was given to people in church today. The special congregational meeting will be March 20.

Pastor Dwight will have Angie print ballots.

F. Meeting with Justin Grimm, March 22 at 7pm

Justin Grimm will train us in spiritual listening, which should assist us as we continue our journey to shared ministry.

G. Old Business

Motion: Becky made a motion, seconded by Kathy, that Dwight and Wendy complete the research on the directional signs and buy them. Motion passed.

H. Motion to adjourn Miriam, second Rose

Upcoming events:

Palm Sunday - April 10 rolls and coffee

Easter - April 17

Synod Assembly - May 13, 14 Dwight, Wendy, Miriam

Respectfully submitted

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary