



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 10:15- 11:15 at church

Next meeting May 8, 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, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions – Wendy

May- Becky

B. Sharing Story Rose, Pastor Dwight, Kathy, Becky

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight and Craig set up two staff evaluations this week **and will schedule the third evaluation as soon as possible.**

Pastor Dwight has invited the Methodist church to join us for our Good Friday service.

Pastor Dwight has requested vacation time for May 14 and 15. Wendy will contact Pastor Tom for May 15.

A representative of the Gideons left a message asking if he could make a presentation at a service. The council decided not to invite him.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Nine months into our fiscal year, we should be at 75% of our budget. Income is at 87% and Expenses are at 72%.

Total assets \$165,000. We gave \$200 through the Samaritan fund. Becky will check on what the Samaritan fund was used for.

Wednesday lent offering is \$530 so far.

We have \$41,000 available for property improvement.

E. Covid restrictions – mask requirements, fellowship time

Motion: Wendy made a motion/second by Kathy to lift the mask requirement and make wearing a mask optional effective April 4. Motion passed.

Pastor will email the congregation and have Angie make a sign for the door announcing the changes and encouraging people to social distance and stay home if they don’t feel well.

We will begin coffee/fellowship time on Palm Sunday. Rose and Wendy will determine the treats for Palm Sunday. We will ask for hosts for fellowship time starting April 24. We will plan to serve coffee and treats through the window and people can sit at the picnic tables in the parking lot. When there is inclement weather, the fellowship time will be moved to the fellowship hall where we will encourage social distancing,

Wendy will organize some people to clean the kitchen since it hasn’t been used for a couple of years.

F. Spiritual Listening -

The Spiritual Listening presentation made by Justin and Rolf was very uplifting and informative. It provides a good format to help us connect with members to determine our mission.

Pastor Dwight, Wendy and Becky will meet as soon as possible with Justin or Rolf to craft the questions we should ask when we visit with people. A tentative timeline is: Make visits with at least 5 members in May and June. Visit community people in the summer. By the fall we should be able to compile the information so we have a mission statement.

G. Request

Another church requested to occasionally use our fellowship hall.

Motion: Kathy motioned/second Becky to deny the use of fellowship hall the church group. Motion passed.

H. Motion to adjourn Rose/ Becky second

Upcoming events:

Palm Sunday – fellowship time- serve through the window.

Easter – use front doors again

Synod Assembly – May13, 14

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary