



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 10, 2021, 3:00pm-4:30pm via Zoom

Next meeting: May 8, 2021

“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:**

A. Opening Devotions – Becky

April - Wendy

B. Sharing Story- Craig

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

It is good to be back together worshipping outside. The fundraising breakfast was fun. Pastor Dwight appreciates all the work Angie did to put together all the extra services for Lent and Holy Week.

Pastor Dwight has met with the reopening task force via Zoom. The ReOpening Task Force will start meeting twice a month to determine what it will look like for services to be held indoors. Currently small groups could meet indoors but there would be no singing or congregation responses. Right now outside worship with congregation responses and singing seems like a better way to worship.

During the last month Pastor Dwight had Zoom meetings with the confirmation class, MiChiLu Pastors, Synod Interim pastors and the congregation coffee hour. He also had phone visits with some members.

Pastor Dwight will coordinate with Angie, Tim and Julie to determine a list of projects that need to be done around church in May. Angie will coordinate the jobs so people can call to see what projects need to be done.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Two undesignated savings accounts \$10,320 and miscellaneous savings at \$9,000.

Motion: Rose made a motion to move \$1000 from account 3235 (Klinke fund) to Samaritan fund checking account. Wendy seconded. Motion passed.

The check from Jeanne Fick for the steeple lighting and the check from Alton Berg and Edith Johnson’s estate will be deposited into the Klinke fund.

In March our income was adequate for our budget.

We got a second PPP loan designed to cover our loss of income for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

After discussion the council decided to ask the Buildings and Grounds Committee to submit a prioritized list of projects that need to be done for the structure of the building. We know there is a problem with water getting into the basement.

Becky reported that expenses for software and IT was twice what was budgeted. First pays a monthly fee for Zoom calls which weren’t necessary when we could meet together. Editing software needed for production of the services was purchased.

Garbage removal expense was dropped from \$80 to \$45 per month.

The church signed a new lease for copier/printer which will reduce the expenses by half.

Building and maintenance/ supplies shows spent \$3000 from account 6610. Janelle will print the report from church so Becky can examine it.

E. Production equipment for church service -

Production equipment (account 3040) has \$4460.62 We still need about \$3700 to pay for the equipment needed to record our services.

After discussion the council decided to wait until next month to determine if we need additional fundraisers or if we should use some of the money in our account to pay for the balance needed for the production equipment.

G. Parish Nurse update -

Becky will propose a job description for the parish nurse soon.

She is taking a class about living well with chronic conditions. After completing the class Becky will be able to teach the class online or over the phone. She hopes to have a class available in August or September.

Becky has contacted most of the people eligible to get the Covid-19 vaccine and discovered most people have been vaccinated.

F. Annual Meeting -

The annual meeting will be August 8, right after the church service.

G. Child Protection Policy - Wendy

Wendy has read through different policies from our insurance company and ones she found online. She suggested our policy also include vulnerable adults.

Pastor Dwight, Wendy, Rose and Becky will be part of the small group to look over policies and put together a Child/Vulnerable adult Protection Policy for First. Wendy will check with some other members of the congregation to see if they would like to be on the task force. The group will meet via Zoom in the next few weeks.

H. Motion to adjourn made by Miriam, second- Rose.

Coming up: Synod Assembly – May 14, 2-5 and May 15, 9-12:40, register by April 16