



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 16 (Sunday), 2023, 10:20 am at church

Next meeting: May 21, 2023

Members Present: Wendy Szczepanski, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Kathy Carlsted

“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.”

A. Opening Devotions - Dwight

May - Becky

B. Sharing Story-

Craig, Kathy, Becky, Wendy

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight presided over many worship services due to Lent and Holy Week. We had some parishioners from the Methodist church join our Holy Week services.

There are 6 people signed up for Feed my Starving Children on April 20.

The \$1147 collected during the Lent services will be given to Feed My Starving Children.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our income in March (\$9277) is less than adequate for our budget for the fourth month in a row. Our income (76%) and expenses (73%) are right on according to our budget (which should be at 75%). We gained \$6500 since last month, mostly because of memorials for Leo Nelson.

E. Property committee projects

Additional bids for a boiler for the Sunday school area were received. The property committee will review the bids and compare them in order to make a decision on higher efficiency boiler and water heater.

A Special Congregational meeting will be held May 21 to discuss the boiler purchase and revised mission statement.

The committee will also continue with the bathroom remodeling project.

F. Vision Group

The Vision Group is meeting tomorrow morning with Justin and Rolf from the Synod so we can determine our options for moving forward with the Shared Ministry. Peace in Dresser has declined the possibility of shared ministry.

G. Prayer shawl ministry

Becky is starting a Prayer Shawl ministry at First Lutheran. Interested knitters and crocheters will knit or crochet shawls to be given to someone who needs to feel God's presence, like someone with a terminal illness or death in the family. Donated shawls will be blessed at the monthly craft day at church. Angie is making card stock tags to say who made them, who they are for and they are blessed. Becky will write an article for the newsletter.

H. Motion to adjourn, second

Kathy motion, Miriam second

Coming up:

Synod Assembly, St. Andrews Lutheran, Mahtomedi, May 12,13

FMSC Mobile Pack at Hosanna Lutheran, Forest Lake April 20, 6-8pm

Together with friends June 27, 29 and July 6 will be here... 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Last three weeks of July 12:00 pm -9:00pm Festival theater will be using our basement for rehearsal.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary