

Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 12, 2024, 10:15am

Next meeting June 9, 2024



“Proclaim the Gospel and Serve our neighbors.”

Members Present: Rose Anderson, Kathy Carlsted, Miriam Flysjo, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Members Absent: Craig Loen

Becky called the meeting to order at 10:20. Pastor Dwight shared devotions. Becky offered to share devotions next month. Becky, Rose and Kathy shared stories about God’s love in our lives.

Pastor Dwight is planning three series for the summer sermons: The Lord’s prayer, First testament wisdom and poetry and First John.

In Craig’s absence, Becky shared the Treasurer’s report.

The bill for the large, old pine tree removal is the main reason FRB Special Savings is lower.

We are nearing the finish line, Fiscal Year end, looking to be very close to our budget. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Our income for April, \$8813.95 is BELOW budget by -\$1696.88

We are BELOW budget income by .65%, years to date. Thanks to the congregation’s generous giving in previous months!

We are BELOW budget for our expenses by 2.14%, years to date.

Our primary checking is -\$903.58 lower than April’s report.

Our Special Saving is -\$4631 lower than April’s report.

Samaritan Checking was -\$5 lower than April’s report.

Faithfully submitted by Craig Loen.

Rose/Kathy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passes.

Due to the large tree falling in the parking lot and shingles coming off the roof all other property committee projects have been put on hold. The clogged gutters have been cleaned out. Perhaps the clog was the reason for the water in the basement.

We have gotten two bids to reshingle the roof. The present roof is over 20 years old. Plywood sheeting should have been added the last time it was reroofed so this will be an additional cost. One estimate was \$65,000 and the second estimate was \$95,000. We are waiting for a third bid to be sent. The roofing needs to be done in cooler weather. The property committee will review the bids and make a suggestion on the contractor and how soon the roof needs to be fixed. We need to look at our current funds available and make a plan to raise money for the balance needed to fix the roof.

We may need someone to assess the stability of the trees. Part of the hill behind the church is starting to erode so other trees may be more likely to fall.

The Season of Renewal group met with our cohort on May 4. The group met on May 8 to look more closely at the information we received at the cohort meeting. The next meeting is May 30 at church. The Season of Renewal cohort meets June 1 at Christus Victor church in Apple Valley.

Bill Davids presented a Mission moment about Meals on Wheels. Other suggestions are Rose sending cards and the service at the Lodge.

Sunday school did some Mother's Day activities. There weren't as many children as we have had but the ones that were there were happy to make a card for their mom. We talked about honoring our parents.

Together with Friends is scheduled for the last two weeks of June. They will meet at FELC June 19 and 20.

Upcoming events: Church picnic tentatively planned for June 30, with outdoor worship at 10:00 followed by picnic.

Motion to adjourn made by Rose, seconded by Kathy.

Faithfully submitted,
Miriam Flysjo, council secretary