



Council Meeting Minutes
Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 21 (Sunday), 2023, 10:40 am at church
Next meeting: June 11, 2023

“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, Miriam Flysjo, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Members Absent: Craig Loen

A. Opening Devotions - Becky

June - Miriam

B. Sharing Story-

Wendy, Becky

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight meant to do a more formal evaluation of the 5:00 Lenten service, but instead is relying on the positive responses from those who attended the services. He’d like to consider reinstating the soup supper next year.

Wendy motioned, second by Miriam, to have the annual congregational meeting on August 6. Motion passed.

Pastor Dwight will be gone so we will need a supply pastor July 16, August 20 and 27.

Pastor Dwight plans to take a break from preaching on the lectionary this summer. He will have a series of 3-4 weeks of sermons on Ruth or Job, Ephesians and Luther’s catechism.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our monthly income was more than adequate for our budget. A gift of \$5000 was given.

Our income is at 86.5% and expenses are at 83%, which is right on track for our budget.

We have \$6800 in accounts more than last month.

Angie researched the charge for garbage and determined that Chisago Lakes charges less than the current company so the council approved the switch.

Kathy motioned that \$1360 be taken from Leo Nelson’s memorial in the undesignated memorial fund to purchase a bench with planters and 2 planter boxes to be placed by the front and back doors of the church. Motion seconded by Wendy. Motion passed.

E. Property committee projects

The motion to replace the Boiler passed at the special congregational meeting today so the Property committee will contact Scandia Heating and Air Conditioning.

The stall demolition and painting need to be completed in the restrooms before new toilets can be installed.

This summer, Bruce Carlsted will be regrading the south side of the sanctuary to help divert rain water away from the church building.

F. Vision Group -

The Vision Group is working on 3 outreach programs for the summer.

Glory Bound gospel group will perform here on June 6 and will include an ice cream social.

On July 19 Pati Kachel from The Parable Fund will perform for a community luncheon at church.

Wendy made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to take \$250 plus \$53.06 for mileage from outreach funds to pay Pati Kachel from The Parable Fund to come give a program July 19. Motion passed.

Pastor Dwight is looking into entertainment for August.

The committee has proposed having a food truck for Night Out in August. We need to find out when the event will be in Taylors Falls.

Pastor Dwight will be meeting with the MiChiLu pastors to determine what getting back together looks like. He will propose a quarterly timeline that will include having congregation members join the planning committee.

G. Motion to adjourn made by Becky second Kathy

Coming up: Baccalaureate Sunday June 4

Together with Friends June 20 – July 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays

FELC – June 27, 29, July 6

Faithfully submitted, Miriam Flysjo, council secretary