



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 13 (Sunday), 2021, 10 am at church

Next meeting: July 11, 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, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist
Members Absent: Craig Loen

A. Opening Devotions – Pastor Dwight

July - Rose

B. Sharing Story- Rose

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight recorded the final service and led services outdoors and indoors. He attended Zoom meetings with the Reopening Task Group and the synod led Interim Pastors meeting. He met with the Finance committee to write up a proposed budget.

After learning about how slow the office computer is, the council would like to update the office computer by the fall. There are a couple of old computers in the Youth room that need to be disposed of. Pastor will work with Angie to get rid of the old computers and price a new one for the office.

The council is concerned about how to continue Intergenerational Sunday School. Pastor will check with Julie in the hope she will continue to lead it this fall.

Pastor will be gone June 27. Jerry Rhodes will preach and Becky and her husband will lead songs.

We went over the proposed budget and made a couple of changes.

Motion: Wendy made a motion, which was seconded by Becky, to adopt the proposed 2021-22 budget with amendments. Motion passed.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

May had 5 Sundays. In May we were a little above what we need for our monthly income. Expenses ahead of where we should be. Program expenses above where should be. Becky will go over the deposit sheets to determine where the money that should be in the electronic equipment fund was deposited.

E. Transition

The council read through a draft letter to the congregation about working with the Synod to keep Pastor Dwight. It was decided we need to include the timeline and the members of the call committee. The letter will go out in a couple of weeks explaining the transition process.

F. Planting Hope Campaign- St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS)

Wendy told about a 3 year fundraising campaign that the St. Paul Synod is launching which involves the following:

1. Invite neighbors
2. Renewing congregation with synod
3. Raise up the next generation of leaders... support for newly ordained pastors to help with their college debt.
4. Invest in a transformative project in East St. Paul neighborhood. Like a missionary situation where we are supporting an area where people are unchurched. The details haven't been finalized yet.

Council will revisit it in September when it is more complete.

G. Other business-

The Lodge has indicated that they are ready to resume the Book Study that FELC had been holding before the pandemic. We will probably start up in the fall.

H. Motion to adjourn Becky, second Rose

Coming up: Together with Friends Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am - noon

June 22,24 Baptist Church

June 29, July 1,6,8 Lutheran Church

July 12,15, 20,22 Baptist Church

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Flysjo, Secretary