



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 14, 2024, 11:30am

Next meeting August 4, 2024

“Proclaim the Gospel and Serve our neighbors.”

Members Present: Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Don Hansen, Julie Valez

Members Absent: None

Miriam led devotions this morning. Kathy volunteered to lead devotions in August.

Miriam Flysjo/Rose Anderson motioned to elect the following council officers: Becky Hulden, President; Kathy Carlsted Vice President; Craig Loen, Treasurer; Don Hansen, Secretary. Motion passed.

Don and Julie shared stories of God’s love in our lives.

Pastor Dwight said the picnic was fun. He will be gone for two weeks in August. Becky will hire a supply pastor. The next service at the Lodge is July 24 at 3:00.

Our income for June of \$10,566.85 is above budget by \$56.02 so we are above budget by 1.25%, with offerings above budget of \$6310.08 at the fiscal year end.

Second, the custodian wages are over budget by \$2,018.49. Don will talk to the custodian.

Third, our Primary Checking is \$2368.32 higher than May’s report. Our special Savings is \$1668 lower than May’s report.

Fourth, Craig brought up that we are currently earning .05% interest on our Special Savings account and no interest on our Primary Checking account. If we put our money in a money market account we can earn 3.5% interest.

Kathy/Rose made a motion to transfer all the money in the Special Savings account and the \$100,000 from the Primary Checking account to a Compass Gold Money market account. Motion passed.

Fifth, we are currently paying \$5 a month for a paper statement for the Samaritan Fund. Don will go to the bank and set up electronic statements to go to Janelle and Craig.

Treasurer’s Report Faithfully submitted by Craig Loen 7/14/2024.

Kathy/Rose made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed

We still need to raise \$19,200 to repair the roof. Some people have approached Pastor Dwight with pledges of support to pay for the roof. Don offered to approach individuals about pledges. People who helped collect syrup have offered to put their Maple Bucks towards paying for the roof. We also could sponsor fundraisers like a spaghetti dinner or pie social.

Don contacted Craftsman Construction Service to get on the fall schedule once he knew the council made a motion to accept their bid.

Becky will contact the Johnsons about using the Olson Memorial fund to repair the roof.

The Season of Renewal group met June 12 with coach Mary Francis via Zoom. Our next meeting with the cohort congregations is September 14. The First Evangelical group will meet prior to the September 14 meeting. Pastor Dwight will send out a reminder email.

Wendy talked about Together with Friends for the Mission Moment in June. Becky requested that Rose share about her mission of sending cards to people who are sick.

The shorter season of Together with Friends went well. The sessions had a range of 9-12 campers. There was discussion about if there are enough campers to continue with the project in the future.

Sunday school went well today. We learned about Joseph and the colorful coat and what jealousy can do. The kids had fun acting out the story. Miriam Flysjo will be out of town on September 8 so council decided to move Sunday

School to September 15.

Don/Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 12:18. Motion passed.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary