



## Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 21, 2019, 10:30-11:45am

“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:** Pastor Mary Kaye, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo

**Members Absent:** Craig Loen, Becky Hulden

**A. Opening Devotions-** Miriam Next time Rose

**B. Welcome new members to council-** new members were not present

**C. Sharing story-** PMK, Rose

**D. Treasurer Report** Report by former treasurer Joe -We are short \$764. Klinke fund is exhausted. Last Sunday 45 people. Today was about 30. We need money from Sunday’s offering to cover expenses. Next pay day is Aug 2. Membership voted for budget but there is not an increase in giving. Giving fiscal year to date \$6616, (July – now) Salary and wages are \$7983.36. Giving not even covering money needed for staff salary. Need \$2500 every week to meet salary and bills.

**E. Pastor Report-PMK-** Since last council has done 10 visits. There have been a couple of people with significant care needs. One person came in to talk for a couple of hours. Bible study on Wednesday has continued. Pastor Phil Peterson will be back as supply preacher next Sunday. The following Sunday Pr. Jodi Houge will be the supply preacher. PMK will be around during the week if people need pastoral care. Joy Buccholtz got Thrivent Action team grant for the 3 fund raiser community picnics.

**F. Steeple Update-PMK-** The next fundraiser is Friday, July 26. Maybe we need to suspend the steeple fund raisers until we are meeting our budget. We will have the fundraiser on Friday.

**G. President’s Report-** Wendy--Wendy handed out a packet on stewardship and ministry that had ideas for how to get the congregation interested in giving money to meet the budget. Wendy suggested that council members talk to people from the congregation to get volunteers to write for newsletter or give a one minute temple talk on a Sunday to say how their life has been impacted by First Lutheran. Dalton and Cleo took stewardship information so they might have additional ideas. Wendy will come to church when Jerry counts money. Wendy will be at the Lodge on Wednesday for book study about racism in church. The study is going well.

**H. Report on TwF** More campers have joined Together With Friends since the initial 5 kids attended on the first day. Because the kids invite friends, attendance is up to 15 now. Attendance is much lower than ever before possibly due to many things going on that go the whole summer and kids need parental support to come as many of them need a ride to church. The interaction between junior staff and campers is amazing. The kids really are good disciples and leaders. The water carnival coming up. Next Tues junior and senior staff going to Valley Fair.

**I. Neighbors Night Out Event-** Wendy- The event will be at Taylors Falls Elem School August 6 from 6:00-8:00. Wendy and Joe running snow cone machine after supper. PMK plans to attend and hand out pamphlets about church and syrup ministry.

**J. Potential staff transitions- in regards to budget deficit...** We have the potential of staff transition to other jobs if we don't make payroll.

**K. Anything else we should be talking about-** Hopefully someone will help with Lodge service today. PMK stated she will be later than anticipated on Friday July 26 and asked that someone be sous chef to start grill about 4:30. Wendy volunteered Joe to start the grill. There is a food sign up list but no one has volunteered to bring veggies and watermelon. PMK said she'd have Angie send out a reminder email. Should we move our regular meeting day to another day besides Sunday after church? It is not easy for Rose to attend after church. Rose stated she can make Sunday after church work. Is there another day/time that works for people to meet? Wednesday before Bible study at 5:00? Thursday night? Nothing was decided because not all members were present.

**L. Motion by Wendy seconded by Miriam to Adjourn.**

**Tentatively Next council meeting on Sunday, August 11 at 10:30. If you want to meet at a different date/time please let Wendy know ASAP.**