



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 24 (Sunday), 2022, 10:15 am- 12:05 pm at church

Next meeting: September 11, 2022

“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, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions – Wendy

September- Becky

B. Sharing Story- Craig, Rose, Kathy

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

We are looking for another person to serve on the council since this is Rose’s last meeting.

National Night out August 16. Wendy will check into it to see if she will be able to attend.

Pastor Dwight will make a presentation about the Planting Hope fundraising campaign from the Synod. The goal is to raise money to support the next generation of leaders and help out East St. Paul congregations.

Motion: Wendy made a motion that the congregation be involved in the Planting Hope Campaign with the synod to raise a few thousand dollars in a one time ask in late August or early September. Seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

In June our income was adequate for our budget.

In July we continue to cover our budget. For our fiscal year we are at 121% for income and 99.89% for expenses. We received a \$25,000 memorial gift in memory of Lowell Nelson which was put in a separate account which is designated for outreach.

We have spent \$4000 for property projects.

E. Ministry Coordinator position

The council reviewed the Ministry coordinator job description. The job will be posted on the synod website and put in our newsletter. It may be difficult to find someone who is willing to attend the service and post it on the website every week.

Motion: Kathy made a motion to offer a starting salary of \$20 an hour for the ministry coordinator position. Second Miriam. Motion carried

Wendy will ask Don to join Craig, Pastor Dwight and herself on the interview committee. The committee will decide how to advertise the position.

There will be a Celebration to Recognize Angie's work on Aug. 21. Rose and Kathy will plan the celebration.

F. Choir Director position- should we resume choir this fall?

After discussion the council decided on the Choir Director job description.

Wendy will contact Michelle to see if she is interested in the choir director position starting in the fall. If Michelle is interested, Wendy will send her a copy of the job description. The council decided to keep the budgeted salary the same.

We may not be able to have choir in the fall if the Coronavirus threat increases.

If there is no choir we may have a few small groups perform special music during the holidays.

G. Budget

Motion: Becky motioned to approve proposed budget with changes discussed and bring it to annual meeting on Aug 28. Second Rose. Motion carried.

H. Outdoor projects – South side, gutters

Bruce and Don plan to install a membrane along the foundation and slope the land on the east and south side of the sanctuary away from the building. Pastor Dwight and Joe S. have offered to help.

The landscaping committee will talk to Don about the project and ask when the gutters will be installed.

I. Worship participation- should we have a Time and Talent sheet for our congregation?

The council discussed the need for a Time and Talent sheet so we have an idea of what people are willing to do to help out at church. We will have Angie make up a volunteer list through September to give us time to find volunteers. We can distribute the Time and Talent sheet on Sundays in August and at the annual meeting. We will also list in the bulletin who has volunteered for the following Sunday.

I. Motion to adjourn, second

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Becky.

Upcoming events: Annual meeting August 28

Faithfully submitted Miriam Flysjo, council secretary