



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 11 (Sunday), 2022, 10:10am- 11:10pm

Next meeting: October 9, 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, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Kathy Carlsted **Absent:**

A. Opening Devotions - Wendy

October - Becky

B. Sharing Story- Craig, Wendy

C. Pastor’s Report - Pastor Dwight

Projects for God’s Work our Hands:

1. Painted rocks with a message like you are loved, God is with you. They will be placed around for people to see them. Angie and Carli will lead.
2. Constructing layettes- Miriam and Arne Lagus obtained the \$250 Thrivent grant for the layette project. Joy is doing the shopping for the supplies.

Pastor will show the video on Planting Hope, a special mission of the synod to raise money to support ministry in St. Paul.

Spiritual listening summary-

We will organize a separate vision group that will determine how to move forward.. Maybe we will bring Justin or Rolf from the Synod to help the task force interpret the gathered information.

Communion- The council decided to present communion in a few different ways so individuals may receive communion according to their comfort level.

Bread and wine will be spread out on trays so communicants can come forward to pick up their own wafer and cup. The prepackaged communion will also be offered for communicants to pick up. Prepackaged communion cups will be available for those who are not comfortable going up for communion.

Offering- It was decided to leave the offering as it is now.

D. Treasurer’s Report - Becky

Monthly goal is \$10,400.

1. Our income over the first two months of the fiscal year is adequate for our budget.
2. Becky and Janelle will determine what accounts to use to pay for the concrete work.

Salaries were adjusted as of July 1 and staff received retroactive pay.

E. Ministry Coordinator position

Motion: Becky made a motion that we hire Erin Petersen for 12-15 hours a week at \$20 an hour contingent on background check and the committee will work on details of starting date. Second Craig. Motion passed

F. Fall social events

October – Perhaps have our own harvest festival on October 23 with Worship at 10:00 followed by a potluck lunch.

November - FELC will offer two events for the Lighting Festival on November 26:

- A free lumberjack pancake breakfast from 9-11 with any free will donations going to Backpack for Kids and/or food shelf.
- Advent wreath or log making.

Early December– Lefse making- invite community members to make and take home lefse. Kathy volunteered to head up the committee.

G. Choir

Pastor will lead the choir with practice being held two Wednesday evenings a month.

The choir will sing once a month.

H. Next year's projects-

Possible projects: repaving the parking lot, fix the back doors to the fellowship hall, fix or replace the kitchen and fellowship floors and update the kitchen.

I. Motion to adjourn, second

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Kathy.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary