



# Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday September 12, 2021, 10:20am- 12:10pm

Next meeting October 10

“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 :** Kathy Carlsted, Craig Loen

## A. Opening Devotions – Miriam

October - Pastor Dwight

## B. Sharing Story- Wendy, Becky, Pastor Dwight

## C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

On Sept 26 Pastor Dwight will be attending the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his former church.

It is frustrating to still be dealing with Covid. Pastor Dwight will organize a Zoom meeting with the Reopening Task Force to decide how to safely have worship this fall.

The Brainstorming meeting this morning went well. It was good to hear people’s opinions. It is difficult to decide what to do now that Covid cases are higher than they were last fall. Is it safe to bring people inside for Bible Study and Youth Group? The possibility of an Intergenerational meeting on Wednesday was discussed. Everyone could meet together for a while then the youth could meet and the adults could do a Bible study.

Pastor Dwight is interested in continuing talks with the other MiChiLu churches about shared ministry especially since there are now openings for a pastor at Immanuel in Almelund and Chisago Lake Lutheran. Pastor Dwight wants to help with the transition to a shared pastor.

Pastor Dwight also plans to put together a Stewardship Task Force to organize a Stewardship campaign.

We will have an Installation Ceremony led by Krista Lind. Wendy will check with Krista to see if she is available October 3 or October 24.

## D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our offering income for August was adequate for our budget and expenses.

Becky asked Janell to pay Angie the \$1000 for the use of her personal cell phone throughout this past fiscal year for work purposes.

Becky will ask Janell to move \$1000 from the Klinke fund to the Samaritan Account

Becky will ask Janell to create reports that show the percentage of our budget and year to date budget numbers.

The bank will inform us when the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) paperwork. needs to be completed. The PPP money is in the primary checking account.

Memorials were discussed. It was decided that the Memorial Committee needs to meet and invite Becky and Jerry R so they can determine what the specific memorials can be used for. It was suggested that the Memorial committee make a list of a couple of specific ideas for future memorials. The list of memorials will be approved by the congregation.

## **E. Insurance policy**

The insurance policy was discussed because Our insurance company had a question about worker's comp in the policy. Since it is an automatic payment, the policy was renewed. The insurance company requires that we have a child protection procedure in place.

## **F. Child Protection Policy**

Pastor Dwight will get a copy of other churches' policies. Gayle L said she will help go through the policies.

**Motion-** Miriam made a motion which was seconded by Rose that we review some vulnerable/child protection policies via email and vote via email/phone to adopt a policy for our congregation. Motion passed.

## **G. Goals**

When we go back to liturgy do we want to do a contemporary version on alternate Sundays?

Youth gathering in Mpls next summer. Can we get some young adults there? Registration is coming up soon.

Bible study/book study

Short term committees to accomplish short term goals like Intergenerational Sunday School.

Fix the leaky Basement- Pastor Dwight will contact the property committee to look into a free inspection offered by Innovation basements.

Outreach- Invite former members by mail and neighbors by door hangers to the Installation of Pastor Dwight.

Establish a Missions committee- To determine how to reach out year round to different age groups and determine our mission in this community.

Parish nursing- Becky will put together a job description and provide her own insurance. She is trained to teach two different classes: Living Well with Chronic Conditions and A Matter of Balance. Becky will write newsletter articles to explain her position.

## **Motion to adjourn by Becky, second by Rose**

Faithfully submitted by Miriam Flysjo, Council Secretary