



# Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 8, 2023, 10:20 am at church

Next meeting November 12, 2023

**“Proclaim the gospel and Serve our neighbors.”**

**Members Present:** Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist      **Members Absent:** none

Becky opened the meeting with devotions. Miriam volunteered to lead devotions next month.

Rose, Pastor Dwight and Becky all shared stories of how God is working in the Taylors Falls area.

Kathy motioned/seconded by Craig to name Becky Hulden president, Kathy Carlsted vice president, Craig Loen treasurer and Miriam Flysjo secretary. The motion passed.

Pastor Dwight reported that he likes the new lectionary. He continues to have in person visits with members, lead the choir and meet with the Shared Ministry committee in addition to leading the Sunday worship service. Several people who have been regularly attending services joined the church.

Becky reported that our income of \$7,730 for September is less than adequate to meet our budget. We need \$10,000 a month to meet the budget. Janell is still unable to provide the comparison reports to Becky. Our general checking account is \$5000 less than last month. We paid out \$8000 for liability and property insurance for the year. The audit committee will meet October 16.

The church was approached by a HomeSchool Group about renting space one day a week to provide art education for the students from noon-7:00. Pastor Dwight will contact the group to work out the details. As a non profit we can't charge rent but we could charge for janitorial services.

A state inspector looked at the elevator and determined we need an emergency light that comes on if the power goes out. We also need an alarm that works on electricity and back up power. Don is going to check to see if he and Bruce are qualified to make the fixes or if we need to hire someone.

Bathroom remodeling and the regrading of the south side of the church are ongoing projects.

Rose reported that she brought a chair from the fellowship hall to get a quote on reupholstering them. The back and seat would have to be removed from the metal frame. It would cost \$115 per chair for reupholstering. Pastor Dwight is going to contact the Property Committee to make a decision about fixing the chairs or buying new ones.

The Vision Group met last week and decided to delay additional shared ministry meetings with Immanuel for at least six months. We don't know what our next step will be.

We decided to have a mission minute twice a month. Rose will lead the next mission minute about Andrew's Bravery Box. The following mission minute will be about the quilting ministry. We will continue to discuss how we are living into our mission statement and how we can do it better.

## Events for Fall

- a. Lighting Festival November 25- Free lumberjack breakfast Contact Wendy
- b. Advent wreath making event – November 25<sup>th</sup> Contact Wendy
- c. Snack & Paint – December 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Angie
- d. Lefse making- December 9<sup>th</sup> Contact Kathy

Miriam motioned to adjourn at 11:30. Seconded by Rose

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary