



Council Meeting Minutes
Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30am
Next meeting December 10, 2023

“Proclaim the gospel and Serve our neighbors.”

Members Present: Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist , Guest Don Hansen **Members Absent:** Kathy Carlsted

The meeting was called to order by president Becky Hulden at 10:25. Miriam led devotions. Craig volunteered to lead devotions in December.

Rose and Becky shared stories of God’s work in our lives.

Pastor Dwight reported that the next MiChiLu meeting is December 7. He attended the synod Boundaries workshop for recertification. Pastor Dwight led the service at the Lodge, choir practice and What’s Up Task Force.

The council discussed the Christmas Eve services. Since Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, it is also the 4th Sunday of Advent so we will have our regular morning 9:00 am service and the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

Becky completed the treasurer’s report since she is training Craig on the treasurer’s responsibilities.

Our income in October (\$12,327) is more than adequate for our budget. We are 33% of our budget year. Our income is 36% of our budget. Our expenses are at 38% of our budget.

General checking has \$2,774.87 less than a month ago.

Don Hansen, Craig Loen and Becky Hulden are in the process of getting their signatures straightened out for the accounts at the bank.

The audit committee met October 16th. In reviewing deposits and bank statements they were able to find one error. The Church Financial Secretary made the necessary corrections.

Don Hansen reported on the Property Committee projects.

The elevator was inspected and the church received a list of fixes that needed to be done. Bruce will install a light that will work if the power goes out. Then the church received an email that the elevator passed inspection so it seems like the improvements listed in the report were suggestions.

Don and Bruce will begin work on the bathrooms in January.

The regrading of the south side will have to wait until Spring.

The committee decided not to reupholster the fellowship hall chairs. Pastor Dwight will do a comparison of the chairs they are considering. Don will bring a sample sturdy plastic folding chair for the committee to examine.

The new boiler had some start up issues. The company came right away to make some adjustments. There have been no further problems.

When it rained in October there was some water in the kitchen, Don did a test that determined the water was groundwater. Heavy rain caused the water table to rise. A sump pump will be installed to see if that fixes the problem.

The Vision Group will meet with Rolf on December 4 to find out what’s next.

The council discussed how we are living into our mission statement. It was decided to do twice a month mission minutes starting in January. The mission minutes will cover what our congregation is doing to reach out to our neighbors. Becky will head up finding people to share their projects in the mission minutes.

We also discussed how we can get more comfortable with tying the missions to the gospel.

Upcoming events:

- a. Lighting Festival (November 25)- Free lumberjack breakfast
- b. Advent wreath making event – November 25th
- c. Snack & Paint – December 2nd
- d. Lefse making- December 9th
- e. Lodge service Wednesday, November 22 at 1:30

Motion to Adjourn was made at 11:33 by Miriam, second by Craig.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary