



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 8, 2020, 10:30am- 1:00 pm

“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 , Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent:** none

A. Opening Devotions - Rose next month Pastor Dwight

B. Sharing Story - Rose

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight reported that there is nothing new really. He wishes there was more time to organize things like, the stewardship task group, visitation volunteers, and other things that might help us now and into the future.

He is okay with the present contract until May but would like to discuss changes before it is renewed.

A motion (by Rose/seconded by Craig) was made to allow for more hours (as needed) for Pastor Dwight and to pay \$50 per service for the extra services during Lent. Any additional hours will be paid \$25 per hour. Motion carried.

D. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

Our income for January and February is less than our budgeted needs. However, we never adjusted the budget after Pastor Mary Kay left, so we have money to meet our current expenses. Steeple fund as of February \$39,284.84

E. Steeple bids

All of the bids received are higher than the original bid from 2 years ago.

One bid was \$80,000 but the company couldn’t do the work. They recommended Central Roofing.

Central Roofing’s bid came in at \$55,500 for steel and \$62,800 copper. The original bid was from Central Roofing.

The council is looking into how we can pay. We will have a congregational meeting to discuss only the steeple repair on April 19, right after the service. More information will be provided at that meeting.

F. WiPoLu transitional meeting 2/27/2020- handout from synod

We are looking at forming a partnership with another congregation. Do we want to yoke with the WI churches or with a MN congregation? Right now the MiChiLu congregations have not expressed an interest in sharing a pastor. There are more rural churches in WI so they have a history of sharing pastors.

The council decided to continue to meet with WiPoLu as it has been informative to find out what other churches in our area are doing.

We will reach out to the MiChiLu congregations to see if any are interested in partnering with First at some point.

Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday breakfast April 5-

Maundy Thursday Service April 9, Good Friday April 10

Easter Sunday April 12

Motion to Adjourn by Rose seconded by Craig

Next council meeting April 19

Respectfully submitted by Miriam Flysjo, secretary