



Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 9, 2017

“To worship God as an intergenerational community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

Members Present: Gayle Langer, Duane Olson, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, **Members Absent:** Joe Landgreen

A. Opening Prayer- Don

B. Welcome new member and summary of Council member responsibilities-handout.

Don reviewed the Council member responsibilities from section 12 of the Constitution.

C. Sharing story-Where you have seen God working in your life this month?

D. Election of Officers-PMK nominated Don for President, Gayle seconded the motion, motion carried. Wendy nominated Duane for Vice President, Rose seconded, motion carried. Since Joe was not present the election of Treasurer was on hold until the August meeting. Rose nominated Gayle for secretary, Duane seconded, Motion carried.

E. Pastor Report- Together with Friends Report, PMK reported that Pastor Kevin Schumann, from the Baptist Church requested we cancel FELC Sunday worship at 9am and attend the TWF worship the last Sunday of July 30. After a conversation, it was felt that the 9 am FELC worship not be changed or cancelled and that those wishing to attend the TWF worship at 10:30 may do so following the 9 am Worship. A motion was made by Gayle to not accept Pastor Schumann request to cancel FELC 9am worship for the TWF worship at 10:30 at the Baptist Church. Duane seconded the motion. Motion carried. Worship Committee Report(attached).

F. President’s Report- -Status of the Big Three Events

Current Event leaders and dates

Don, Rose, PMK Summer Picnic/Ice Cream Social, August 20,

Bruce, Joe, Don – Harvest Festival, September 23

Duane, Sharna, Lefsa, Lighting Festival November 25

G. Finance Report- Joe-deferred

H. Property Committee— What is the status for new stand for the confirmation photos?- Don will check with Joe and Bruce. Weedy Playground and Maintenance-Needs attention. Thank-you to Wendy and Joe Szczepanski for mowing and trimming the lawn this summer.

I. Signage updates- Duane. Will check at Walmart for new letters for outside sign.

J. Recent Samaritan fund request. Jason Linnngren and Debbie Rhoads and Don Hansen members of the committee. Don reported on assistance to an individual in Lindstrom, MN on a past due water bill. The Samaritan fund is in need of donations at this time.

K. Approval of the June 11 minutes-Motion by Duane, seconded by Rose to approve June 11 Minutes. Motion carried

L. Other

Simply giving: A motion was made by PMK to inform all currently involved in Simply Giving that the donation to the church is in the form of an Electronic Funds Transfer(EFT) and they must contact the church office for giving changes. Gayle seconded. The motion was amended by PMK to gather information from Vanco, Bill Pay, and Simply giving regarding the time frame and process to make changes. Motion Carried

Gayle has announced that she will be stepping down from SS. There was conversation on options and revised frequency of Sunday School. Pr. Mary Kaye exploring options

Advertising- Chisago Press. Duane gave a report on advertising costs

Submitted, Don Hansen & Gayle Langer