



Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 14 (Sunday), 2021, 10 am at church

Next meeting: December 12, 2021

“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, Kathy Carlsted (via phone) **Guest-** Don Hansen

A. Opening Devotions – Wendy

December- Miriam

B. Sharing Story- Wendy, Becky

C. Basement Water

There are four parts to eliminating the problem:

1. Replacing the sidewalk on the north side of the sanctuary.
2. Resloping and installing nonpermeable material on the southside of the sanctuary.
3. Replacing the current residential-sized gutters with larger ones that have a cover to prevent pine needles from clogging them.
4. Installing drain tiles on the inside perimeter of the whole building.

After much discussion about where to start and what needs to be done, it was decided to form a task group that will decide the best course of action and to get quotes for demolition, restoring the inside space if drain tiles are installed, the cost of new rain gutters and gutter helmet. Pastor Dwight will organize the task force and the group will report back to the council in January with a proposal for the congregation to vote on in February.

D. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

The Thanksgiving Eve service will be at First and the Methodist church will be invited to participate.

Bernie is selling the bakery and will donate a small popcorn maker to church.

Christmas Eve worship will be at 4 & 10.

December 26 will be a service of Lessons and carols.

Pastor Dwight will be gone December 26, January 2 and January 9.

Since Covid cases continue to rise, masks will be worn during worship. We will continue to use disposable communion cups and not have coffee time.

The Archive committee needs to decide what to do with archives now that the shelves are removed from the storage area. The confirmation pictures need a new way to be displayed.

Pastor decided to start the stewardship campaign in the spring before the annual meeting.

Pastor Dwight mentioned two articles Becky shared with him about the future of the church. He suggested the council have a retreat day on a Saturday in January to discuss the questions in the article and present the questions to the congregation after Sunday service. Becky will email the articles to the council members.

E. Treasurer's Report – Becky

Our offering income for October was about \$6000 above our budget, more than making up for the low income in September

At four months into the fiscal year, we should be at 33% of our budget. We are at 38.6% for income and 32.6% for expenses.

The Klinke fund name is changed to Undesignated Memorials. There is about \$37,000 available for property projects in various accounts.

F. Child Protection Policy

Rose moved/Kathy seconded to accept vulnerable person abuse prevention program proposal. Motion carried. It will be sent on to the insurance company.

G. Upcoming events

On Saturday, November 27 from 1:00-3:00 First will participate in the Lighting Festival Advent event. We will have material available to make Advent wreaths. There will be a Nativity picture booth with props for families to take their picture posing as the nativity scene in front of the stable. We will hand out Advent calendars. Kathy and Bruce will donate cider.

Angie will arrange for families to light the candles on the Advent wreath every week.

Angie will arrange to decorate the sanctuary between Thanksgiving and November 28.

We will have a sign up sheet for members of the congregation to donate Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary.

We will keep the current stable for now and look at getting a new one later.

The Christmas program will be Dec. 12. The kids wear masks and unmask at the lectern to read their parts. Pastor Dwight will work with Julie and Angie to finalize the details. After the program there will be a Christmas bake sale fundraiser for global barnyard.

H. Lending Library –

We have noticed there are many community members who use the playground so it was discussed that we should find someone to build a replica of our church to use as a Little Free library to be filled with children's books. Let Pastor Dwight or Angie know if you are interested in building the replica.

J. Motion to adjourn by Miriam, second by Becky

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary