

First Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
October 6, 2020

Approved on November 3, 2020

Present: Dr Bob Ebbesmeyer, Pastor Nord Swanstrom, Jen Camplain, Sue Eckburg, Janis DeWall, Roger Wacker, David Zumdahl, Kent Peterson, Sallie Morgenson

Absent: Dorene Lagerstam, Bob Morgenson, Judy Clark

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Dr Bob Ebbesmeyer. Pastor Nord presented the devotions with the topic being "Finding Joy in Our Lives".

Review of August Council Minutes -

The minutes from the August Council meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Roger Wacker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Sue Eckburg and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Financial Reports -

The financial reports were reviewed and it was stated that we should have a copy of each bank statement so we are able to account for all the balances when we are reviewing the reports each month. Also, Sallie was going to get additional information from Todd James regarding the investments. Jen was going to be the back- up person to pick up the empty bank bags from German American. Lastly, we were waiting for the final insurance check to arrive so we can settle up with Palmeri for the roof replacements. Pastor Nord made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted. It was seconded by Roger Wacker and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report -

Pastor Nord distributed his monthly report of meetings and events for August and September with no further discussion needed.

Committee Reports -

Worship and Music – (Dorene)

Committee met on 09/27. They are looking for alternative ideas to include more music in the weekly service. Christmas plans are temporarily on hold to see where we are at with Covid.

Property - (Kent)

Tim is working on getting quotes to fix the plaster in the balcony. Cal is looking at the cost to switch all lights to LED. They would also like to look into getting the parking lot sealed and we need to get the fire extinguishers serviced. Cal and Cathy Miley inquired about removing the bush that is NE of the main entrance. To our knowledge it was not a memorial gift and we were fine with allowing them to remove this as requested to beautify the property.

Old Business -

Roof Update - All 3 roofs are completed and we are awaiting the final payment from the insurance company to pay the contractor, as also indicated in the financial report.

Worship Services - Jen was going to update all signage to reflect the capacity of a limit of 40 people to conform with the updated regional restrictions.

Personnel - Jen Camplain is our new Church Secretary. The various topics she wanted to discuss are mentioned in detail in other sections of the minutes.

Social Media/Website updates - Jen designed a release form that will be distributed to all members that would allow 1st Lutheran to use their photo in print or on-line. As she continues to further develop our on-line pages, she would also like to have an informational page on each of our committees.

Other - Jen inquired whether our church was allowing outside organizations to use our church for meetings, and if so, what our guidelines would be. After some discussion it was determined that Jen would put something in place and present for review and approval at our next council meeting.

New Business -

As we continue to bring our technology up-to-date, there are a few office purchases that were presented to the council for consideration. The items are; Adobe license for 1 year, Webcam with tripod, Streaming music license, WiFi extender and Microsoft 365. Sue Eckburg made a motion to purchase the items listed, with a limit on the Microsoft 365 item to \$250 or less. Pastor Nord seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion carried.

Miscellaneous -

Counters are needed for the months to come. Please sign up for a couple of weeks each if you can.

Our next meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.. Jen Camplain has volunteered to do the devotions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pastor Nord and seconded by Dave Zumdahl. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 and Dr Bob closed with a prayer.

Respectively Submitted,

Janis DeWall
Council Secretary