

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015

In attendance: Sara, Ruth, Mark, Mike, Tom, Jim, Pastor Mark, Jerry and Vanessa

1. Devotions –led by Pastor Mark from I Peter: 2
2. Call to Order (7:08 prior to devotions)
3. Approval of Agenda – Moved: Mark, 2nd: Jim. Agenda Approved
4. Approval of December and January Minutes –
 - a. Ruth **Carson** (not Cook).
 - b. Approved as corrected, Ruth moves, Mark seconds. Minutes approved
5. Financial Report –
 - a. \$2000 more approved for parsonage repair.
 - b. 3 months benevolence paid already. The synod has sent a letter asking for our donation pledge. It needs signatures. Jim will catch us and expedite the process
 - c. Current bank balances show us in good shape and in good order even after writing checks for synod and local benevolences.
 - d. Wet basement: Already cost \$36,726, we have raised slightly more than that.
 - e. Building fund – all is in good shape there; as is mortgage balance.
 - f. Note of interest: Island of Faith Lutheran in Wrangell gave us \$300 towards the basement. Ruth will write the Thank You note. This is the second time they have donated to us to help out.
 - g. Special Project: \$500 donation from the church and others can donate to the church for the project. Tom motions to donate \$500 towards the special project. Jerry seconds. Mike calls the question. Motion Carries.
6. Pastor's Report
 - a. Sandy, Jim and Pastor filled out the Congregational report.
 - b. Pastor Mark to be gone Easter Night – the Saturday day prior to services.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Committee – no written report.
 - a. Counter tops due in this week.
 - b. Tara got a sink donated from Home Depot.
 - c. We should be winding down the renovation work in the next week or two.

- d. Parsonage
 - i. Walk through and review with “realtor eyes”
 - ii. Pretty dated. Need to make some updates.
 - iii. John Orbeck has been fixing the electrical as it goes.
 - iv. The plan is to get most of the work done while Pastor Mark is gone the first week of April.
- e. Community room
 - i. Some issues with soap and the community room. .
 - ii. Perhaps consider (eventually) replacing carpet tiles with linoleum. Let it go for a year or two.
- b. Call Committee
 - a. They are meeting again this Sunday after 11:00 service.
 - b. They have developed questions to ask a candidate. Time to prioritize the questions.
 - c. Then they will set up mock interviews to become more comfortable with the interview process. (Pastor Mark told Bishop Shelley that mid-March might be an appropriate time frame).
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Constitution –
 - a. The committee needs to start meeting again (Perhaps with Pastor Mark?) to address what is not finished.
 - b. Child safe program –
 - a. Ruth has downloaded what the ELCA has.
 - b. It is a matter of implementing it.
 - c. There’s a link on the ELCA page.
 - d. Do we need a Child Safe officer? Perhaps we can ask Bob for his expertise?
 - e. Wed like to have it up and running by the time the new Pastor is in place.
 - c. Interim -
 - d. Personnel Committee
 - a. A.K.A. The Mutual Ministry Committee
 - b. Bev Higdon, Kathy Alton, Kim Huffington, and Sharon Cook have agreed to serve
 - e. Mission trip – housing and food
 - a. Will occur in June.

- b. Pastor Susan said Yes.
- c. Pastor Mark guess they'll contact after Easter .
- d. Tabled for later.

9. New Business

a. New Council Members – Welcome to Tom Alton!

- a. President: Mark
- b. Vice-President: Tom
- c. Treasurer: Jim
- d. Secretary: Vanessa

b. Annual Meeting – *The Lutheran* Subscriptions.

a. Mike moves that we continue the subscriptions as we have. Tom seconds

b. Discussion ensued:

- i. It's about \$1000 of the budget.
- ii. We can define the address list of recipients so that people who do not want it.
- iii. It is a good ministry to support.
- iv. It has a ton of ideas

c. Motion passes. Subscriptions to continue.

d. Now who will work to on the membership/subscription list. Sara is happy to meet with Sandy to work on the final collation to find a general agreement with the new directory, membership list, etc. Tom will help to coordinate the directory.

e. Pastor Mark will call *The Lutheran* to find out who is on the subscription.

f. 2015 Council needs to be installed. Will be done at both services. Be ready by quarter after 9:00.

c. Youth Room- Concerns that the room has become a storage room rather than a youth room. Vanessa feels there is a great opportunity to snag the interest of the youth to help rekindle the interest in youth. Garage sale items will be gone at the conclusion of the garage sale.

- a. Other youth news: Is there some sort of camp for them?
- b. Thinking it would be perfect for Mikey. It's in Detroit.

Next meeting Date: March 10? Would not have a quorum if helped on the 17th.

10. Adjourn: Jerry moves to adjourn. Ruth seconds. Except for the executive> Mark says we have to stay. 8:34P

11. Closing Prayer – given by Ruth.