

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

Present: Mark Huffington, Tom Alton, Vanessa Jackson, Ruth Carson, Jim Lewandoski, Jerry Zeller, Mike Cook,

Visitors: Cindy Olsen

1. Devotions – from Christ in Our Home by Mark Huffington
2. Call to order 7:05
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to move 9A and B discussion to item #5 by Ruth, Jim 2nd, motion carries
4. Approval of February Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve as amended for spelling by Tom, Jerry 2nd, Approved.
5. (9A and B from new Business)
6. Financial Report
 - a. Average monthly building giving is about \$1000 below the mortgage payment.
 - b. Jim out of town March 17 -28.
7. Pastor's Report
 - a. Pastor was injured at the Iditarod launch
 - b. Ruth and Richard will cover Lenten service.
 - c. Bishop Shelley is being notified by the Pastor Amanda at LOL, NP.
 - d. Jerry visited. Pastor recovering. He is feeling like he should go home and recuperate. Needs to be non-weightbearing for 6+ weeks.
 - e. Mark will contact Bishop Shelley regarding the situation.
 - f. Jerry and Jim will take care of the car and take it to the parsonage.
 - g. Notes are prepared for tomorrow night.
 - h. Need help to get Pastor Mark situated.
 - i. Ruth will arrange to send flowers to his room.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Committee –
 - i. 5 action teams working towards the parsonage
 - ii. Painting starting
 - iii. New sheetrock
 - iv. Carpet squares in the rec room (about half in)
 - v. Finish sinks and trim up this week in the basement.
 - b. Call Committee –
 - i. They are receiving names. Whee!

- ii. Mock interview last weekend.
 - iii. Bishop to meet telephonically on the 29th at 1:00 to give names.
 - iv. Hoping to have Skype interviews done week after Easter.
 - c. Constitution Committee
 - i. Meeting tomorrow. Stay the Course.
 - d. Mutual Ministry Committee
 - i. Ruth has talked with Kathy Alton and will talk again after Spring Break.
 - ii. Perhaps they can take on Child Safe.
 - e. Stewardship Committee – no report.
 - f. Education –
 - i. VBS materials ordered.
 - ii. Week of June 29th.
 - iii. Ten Commandments/Broadway Themed
 - g. Worship & Arts – Is anyone on this committee? Kathy Birch? Ruth will find out.
- 9. Old Business
 - a. Child Safe Program – There is an ELCA program available.
 - b. Mission trip –housing and food – we’ve heard nothing more.
 - c. Church Directory – Tom to work with Sandy now that the computer data has been salvaged.
 - d. Tara Engine Repair –
 - i. Ruth motions that we distribute funds to Tara at \$1675 ASAP. Jerry seconds. Motion Carries.
- 10. New Business
 - a. Basement Remodel Celebration
 - i. To include Cameron in the celebration
 - ii. Possible dates/time April 26; 2:00ish
 - iii. Invite all those who use the building as a community celebration.
 - 1. Hors d’ouerves and punch
 - 2. We have \$250 in reimbursable funds to use for celebration.
 - iv. Need a temporary committee of folks to plan for the event. Discussion possible candidates. Ruth will ask people to work on the committee.
 - b. Cindy Olsen Thrivent Email
 - i. Thrivent is changing. We have relied on matching funds, but those are going way. The Thrivent chapter is dissolving by dictation from Wisconsin. We are going to be a member network. Everything will boil down to Action Team. Trying to motivate individuals to be involved rather than the chapter. We will need to change our thought processes.
 - ii. It takes three weeks lead time to request an action team project.
 - c. Garage Sale – Arlene and John have done a lot of work already. There is already a lot of stuff down there. May 8/9.

- d. Upcoming 10K gift to building account – discussion ensued.
 - e. Thank You notes from
 - i. Alaska Synod for our Mission Support.
 - ii. Fairbanks Youth Advocates for our \$5611 in 2014
 - iii. Donation for Sundays and Seasons help from Epiphany Lutheran in Valdez.
 - f. Possibility of alerting congregation to Pastor Mark's Status.
11. Adjourn Tom moved to Adjourn, Mike 2nd, motion carries Adjourned at 8:27
12. Closing Prayer (The Lord's Prayer)

(next meeting is April 21)