

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

Present: Tom Alton, Jim Lewandoski, Ruth Carson, Mark Huffington, Mike Cook, Jerry Zellmer, Sara Harvison

Absent: Vanessa Jackson

Called to order at 1905. Mike made a motion to approve the agenda, Jerry seconded, no discussion, so moved, ayes carried.

Minutes of the May 5 Council meeting were not available; approval was tabled until next meeting. A recap of the high points was provided for members not present.

Financial Report: Jim Lewandoski, treasurer, presented the Financial Report. The proceeds of the garage sale were quite good and there was discussion of the best use of these funds. Tom moved that 10% go to benevolence at Love, Inc. Ruth seconded, no discussion, so moved, ayes carried.

Jim moved that, in keeping with the recommendations of the G.O.O.D. committee (Sig Strandberg, Tom Alton, Jerry Zellmer, Warrick Willson, Cathy Birklid and Jim) \$10,000 be moved from Mt. McKinley account to the principal on the mortgage, Jerry seconded, no discussion, so moved, ayes carried.

There was discussion of a fall fundraiser to get the mortgage below \$1,000,000.

Pastor's Report: Seminarian Tanner Howard will be travelling north via car. Discussion ensued concerning mileage and reimbursement. Mike moved for First call pastoral salary and appropriate reimbursement to follow Synod guidelines. Ruth seconded, no discussion, so moved, ayes carried. Tanner will be with us for June and July. Celebrants have been arranged for the Sundays until his arrival.

Tom volunteered to coordinate a transition committee to assist Pastor Howard during his stay.

Committee Reports:

Property committee: Thanks to Jerry, Tara and many other volunteers the parsonage is 95% complete. Tom Alton and other volunteers are taking care of mowing the lawns. IT's time to change batteries in the sensors, and possibly the sensors, the alarm system has generated several false alarms.

Millie Dufseth will organize planting flowers donated by Risse's Greenhouse in the planters in front of the church June 1-3.

Call committee: The itinerary for Pastor John's visit was reviewed. We reviewed process for Congregational Meeting June 7: roll call, quorum requirements, discussion, written ballots, and voting requirements.

Constitution committee: The Council agreed that there will be no further action until a Pastor is in place.

No report was received from Mutual Ministries, Stewardship, G.O.O.D. or Education committees.

Old Business:

Confirmation situation reviewed. Confirmands are awaiting formal confirmation due to lack of Pastor. Possibly complete on Reformation Sunday or Christmas. Unfortunately there is no easy way to appropriately honor confirmands at this time.

(Ruth Carson left the meeting at this time.)

The mission group from Wisconsin will arrive 6/13. Mark will coordinate arrangements for their overnight stay.

Mark received e-mail from Pastor Mark, he is still not ambulatory.

Next meeting scheduled for June 16. Tom moved to adjourn at approximately 8:40 pm, Jerry seconded, so moved, ayes carried.