

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2015

In attendance: Tanner Howard, Ruth Carson, Jerry Zellmer, Jim Lewandoski, Vanessa Jackson, Mark Huffington, Sara Harvison, Tom Alton, Mike Cook.

1. Devotions – Pastor Tanner
2. Call to Order- 7:07pm
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Added 9C (Christmas Bazaar)
 - b. Added 7.e.i
4. Approval of May 5 and May 19 Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve May 19 and defer May 5 meeting to next time. Sara seconded. Spelling corrections made as needed. Minutes approved as corrected.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Mike asked why it took so long to make that transfer. Discussion ensued in regards to the process of changing signatures on accounts. Mark will follow up on that.
 - b. Jim presented the financial report.
6. Pastor's Report (Tanner Howard)
 - a. Pastor John call package and/or update. Mike moved to have Mark send the package to Pastor John Van Haneghan with room to negotiate additional terms. Ruth seconds.
 - i. Discussion on the Compensation Package.
 - ii. Amend the agreement to include language to preserve and protect the parsonage. Mike agrees to the amendment language as does the second.
 - iii. Motion Carries.
 - b. Pastor Tanner reports gratitude for his welcome and his environment. He is meeting people, visiting guests and congregants, sat in with committees and has preached two Sundays so far. Requests approval for official day off – Fridays and partial Saturdays.
 - i. Jim moves, Tom seconds to approve Pastor's official days off. Motion carries.
 - ii. Pastor Tanner may have the opportunity to interview for a full position while he is here and council will work with him in that event. He is committed to our summer.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Committee
 - i. Not much to report. ☺ Maybe someday to add a hot water heater so that we can turn off the heat downstairs. Currently if we turn off the heat, then there is no hot water either.
 - b. Call Committee
 - i. Exhausting Job well done! Whoop!
 - ii. Final Thoughts – Ruth loved it and learned a lot in the process. It was a great committee. Ruth said she would do it again. ☺
 - c. Constitution Committee – no report
 - d. Mutual Ministry Committee – no report
 - e. Stewardship Committee

- i. Family Camp - would like \$500 for camp fee. Saturday July 25 – Sunday 26. Bingle Camp (at Harding Lake).
 - ii. Ruth moves to give \$500 to stewardship committee for family camp. Jerry Seconds. Motion carries.
 - f. Education Committee – VBS is planning. We are holding the Pre-K room to no younger than 4 for purposes of preserving adult/child ratios.
 - i. Jim wants to make sure that we are putting in for reimbursement.
 - ii. Re-open the discussion on play equipment. Tabled for future discussion.
8. Old Business
 - a. Confirmation Update – on hold until new Pastor is in place.
 - b. Mission Trip – Wisconsin group one night stay June 13-14
 - i. Part of their trip is to head south, but if the fires preclude that, they are welcome to back. They are having a great time and enjoyed their night here
 - c. Church Directory- Currently on hold. Tom still needs to get with Sandy about that.
9. New Business
 - a. Parish Nurse – on hold until the new pastor is in place.
 - b. Posting of Congregation Meetings Minutes before Approval.
 - i. Jim moves that we post the annual minutes in draft prior to their approval, which is a year. Ruth seconds. Motion Carries.
 - c. Christmas Bazaar – Report from Ellen and Arlene read.
 - i. Tentatively scheduled for November 7. Ruth moves that council approve the date, Vanessa seconds. Motion Carries.
10. Good of the Order -
 - a. Sandy will be working shorter days for a while to prepare things at their church. Arrangements have been made for office coverage.
11. Adjourn – Tom moves to adjourn, Ruth seconds. Motion Carries.
12. Closing Prayer- The Lord's Prayer.