

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2015**

In attendance: Ruth Carson, Pastor John Van Haneghan, Mike Cook, Tom Alton, Mark Huffington, Jerry Zellmer, Vanessa Jackson, Skylar Holman

Not Present: Jim Lewandoski

1. Devotions – Pastor John - based on 2 Cor. 4:5+
2. Call to Order - 1910
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. added 9C to agenda
  - b. Vanessa move and Mike seconds to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.
4. Approval of July Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. Mike moves to approve minutes as presented. Jerry seconds. Motion carries.
5. Financial Report
  - a. Estate of Ed and Alene Christiansen - \$37k to FLC
    - i. Proposed to use to help with moving expenses and towards the mortgage.
    - ii. Policy in the past of using 10% for benevolence.
  - b. YTD giving down \$50k to budget
    - i. Be working towards stewardship goals to reverse this trend.
6. Pastor's Report (Pastor John)
  - a. Welcome to FLC!!! – Whoo-Hoo!
  - b. Written report submitted. Shared the format.
  - c. Pastor John Installation – Sunday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:00. Invitations have been sent out.
    - i. Bishop has asked that offering goes to a recommended list.
      1. Council decides half to go to tuition reimbursement for first-call pastors and half to Seward Peninsula Lutheran Ministry Endowment.
        - a. Mike moved and Ruth Seconded. Motion Carries.
  - d. Total moving expenses for Pastor John and Pam came in under the \$15,000 allowance. Council approved a \$100/day per diem for food which was not tracked to cover Pastor John and Pam.
7. Committee Reports -
  - a. Property Committee – Don't 'have a whole lot
    - a. Next Step Ministry second group painted the decks at the parsonage and scraped the south exterior wall.

- b. Still mowing the lawn. The lawnmower is in the shop AGAIN. We may need to look at buying a new one or having people bring in their own.
    - c. Got a call about piping leaks in the parsonage and church basements, and they were a result of Aurora Energy testing the lines. Aurora Energy was notified and fixed the leaks immediately.
  - b. Constitution Committee
    - a. Might be able to start back up in October-ish now that we have a Pastor.
  - c. Mutual Ministry Committee
    - a. Kathy Alton, Bev Higdon and Kim Huffington.
    - b. Has not been active in the past, but will get rolling now.
  - d. Stewardship Committee
    - a. Family Camp (Bingle Camp July 25 & 26) – went great
    - b. Ruth started a memory book for Tanner and the envelope was passed. It was a great success.
    - c. Start in earnest to help improve giving and remind people of our 3-year mortgage commitment.
  - e. Education Committee
    - a. Sunday School –
      - i. Training scheduled on September 19 – looking for more
      - ii. Shawna wants to start up something for middle school.
      - iii. Ruth has done high school before and is willing to hang with Mikey (and others) in that capacity
      - iv. Mike talked about times for adult Sunday School. There were 8-10 regular attendees. When people bring kids to Sunday School, they should be able to come to Adult Grown-Up Sunday School. Sometimes it has been a Bible Study, they have also discussed articles from *The Lutheran* or gone through a series. Pastor Mark (most recently) was working through James.
      - v. Sunday School Starts on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Confirmation Update
    - a. Ruth will bring Pastor up to speed on the Confirmation. Because there was no Pastor, the actual process did not occur.

b. Church Directory

- a. Tom has worked with Sandy on a couple of occasions and she has a lot of the databases and photographs. We need to look through and see who is missing photos.
- b. Sandy has a program that she wants to use, and works on it between other duties of the church office.

9. New Business

- a. Craig and Linda Ingham are moving and request to be removed from FLC membership.
  - i. Mike moved, Ruth seconded. Motion carries.
- b. Alpha Delta Kappa use of basement/kitchen October 17 from 9:00am to 1:00pm – Special project for The Door
  - i. Ruth moves, Skylar Seconded.
  - ii. Discussion – FLC assumes no responsibility for appropriate food permitting. ADK will acquire their own.
  - iii. Motion carries as amended by 9.b.ii.
  - iv. God’s Work; Our Hands Sunday:
    1. Mike proposes to ask the Door what needs they might have so that our church can bring in those items. Vanessa suggested that it be new so that the organization can better encourage kids to come in off the streets.
    2. Vanessa moves and Mike seconds to collect goods for The Door for God’s Work Our Hands Sunday. Motion Carries.
    3. Vanessa will call them and get a list.

10. Good of the Order –

- a. Sandy sent an email regarding Stone Soup survey will be at our Food Bank day on September 14 to determine food needs in our community.

11. Adjourn: Tom moved, Skylar seconded. Motion Carries. 2029

12. Closing Prayer – Pastor John.