

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015**

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

1. Devotions from Listening to Your Life, Aug 8.
2. Call to Order – 7:09pm.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Add Selection of Date for Annual Meeting at 9B
 - b. Add Additional Meeting for budget reasons for 9C
 - c. Add Carpet Cleaning Quotes to 7A-1
 - d. Vanessa moves to approve as amended, Ruth Seconds. Motion Carries
4. Approval of October Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Mike moves to approve October minutes with typo correction, Skylar 2nds motion carries.
5. Financial Report
 - a. 2016 Budget – “no margin, no mission” We’ll have an additional meeting for budget discussions
 - b. Monthly giving is not keeping pace with current budget needs. There was discussion about how to ‘close the margin’
6. Pastors Report
 - a. Interested in conducting a 90-day review.
 - b. Pastor reviewed administrative, pastoral, Lutheran, and other activities in addition to future planning.
 - c. Adding a class to enrich understanding of the sacrament of Communion. Council approves.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Property ~~Committee~~-Ministry
 - i. Minor stuff - relief valves, batteries for fire alarms (\$500!)
 - ii. Carpet Cleaning Quotes – from Arlene wants to spend some money from the Christmas bazaar to clean the carpets or some of the carpets. Quotes discussed.
 - iii. Mike moves that we allocate \$1000 towards carpet cleaning and see what we can get cleaned with that. Ruth 2nds. Discussion. Motion carries
 - b. Constitution ~~Committee~~ Ministry – no change
 - c. Mutual Ministry ~~Committee~~ Ministry – Ruth has talked with all personnel and the committee will likely meet at the beginning of December and then they will meet to set goals and be a support group.

- d. Stewardship Ministry
 - i. Fall Stewardship campaign
 - ii. Consecration Sunday is coming this weekend. Pastor is very grateful to Trish, Jeremy and Phil. The commitment cards came from Miller's book. Trish got a Thrivent grant to offset \$250 of the cost.
 - e. Education Ministry
 - i. Youth is doing well.
 - ii. Adult classes going well – What to look for in Luke for the new lectionary cycle.
 - f. Nomination Ministry: three (ideally four to have an odd number on the council).
8. Old Business
- a. Church Directory – Sandy got an email copy out. She is making steady progress.
 - b. Christmas Programs/Activities –
 - i. Advent services – Holden like last year. With soup and bread.
 - ii. Thanksgiving and Christmas are sparsely attended. No changes for this year, but will consider if it is still a viable service for next year. Perhaps move to a chapel setting in the conference room to save costs of heating the whole sanctuary.
 - iii. Advent = Setting 4 (old setting 2)
 - iv. Choir cantata on the 23rd.
 - v. Bev is coordinating ushers, acolytes, readers, etc... for Christmas Eve.
 - vi. Perhaps a time and talent sheet in January?
9. New Business
- a. American Lung Association – Smokefree Alaska Resolution
 - i. We are asked to join in this resolution. Will put up to a vote by the congregation at the annual meeting.
 - b. Date for Annual Meeting – January 31st after the combined 5th Sunday service.
 - c. Additional Meeting for Budget reasons – Mark will send a couple dates to see which is most convenient for attendance.
10. Good of the Order
- a. Collection of the boxes for the KJNP employees. Due Nov 23rd. Perhaps to promote more with a Facebook post, specific congregation email regarding this.
11. Adjourn – Skylar moves to adjourn. Tom Seconds. Motion carries.
12. Closing Prayer