

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016**

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

Absent: Mike Cook

1. Devotions: A reading from Joshua – Churros moments - about bringing the people to a conscious choice point which is consequential for everything that follows.
2. Call to Order – at 7:05pm.
3. Approval of Agenda - Vanessa moves to approve as amended; Skylar seconds. Motion Passes.
4. Approval of December Council Meeting Minutes – Approved with typos repaired. Jerry moves; Jim seconds, motions carries.
5. Financial Report
 - a. GOOD Committee report – this committee met last week. There is about 6 months of payments in reserve. There is a special \$15,000 gift dedicated to principal payment. Jim recommends immediate payment and adding \$5,000 to that to make it an even \$20,000. Asking for council approval for the \$20,000. We are due to renegotiate loan terms in 2017 and we are in an excellent position for that. Normal giving to the building fund came in at \$78,000 for the year with one-time gifts totaling.
 - i. Tom moves for the council approve the GOOD committee’s recommendation to pay \$20,000 payment towards principals which comes from a \$15000 gift and \$5,000 from the Mt McKinley Building fund checking account. Ruth seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed.
 - b. 2016 Budget (meeting’s focus)
 - i. Again, much discussion on ways to keep the budget sustainable. Suggestions for cuts and growth were discussed.
 - ii. Budget prepared for presentation to congregation at annual meeting.
6. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John) -
7. Ministry Reports – tabled.
 - a. Property Ministry
 - b. Constitution Ministry
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry
 - d. Stewardship Ministry -
 - e. Education Ministry
8. Old Business
 - a. Ministries Annual Reports – reports due in.
 - b. Boy Scout Update – tabled.
9. New Business
 - a. Covenant Reform Church use – wants to expand into either the basement or the sanctuary for the same amount. 2-4pm on Sundays. Pastor John will follow up via email and we will continue the discussion via email.
10. Adjourn – Vanessa moves to adjourn, Skylar seconds. Motion Carries. 9:15pm.
11. Closing Prayer by Pastor John