

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016**

In attendance: Mark Huffington, Ruth Carson, Mike Cook, Jerry Zellmer, Tom Alton, David Ingram, Vanessa Jackson, Kathy Thomas

Absent: Pastor John Van Haneghan, Jim Lewandoski, Skylar Holman

1. Call to Order 7:02pm.
2. Devotion – Given by Mark from God’s Abiding Love Daily Lenten Meditations and Prayers on full Communion.
3. Approval of Agenda: Add Evie Freeman’s transfer letter and the addition of the audit committee to the agenda. Mike moves to approve the agenda as amended Jerry seconds. Motion Carries.
4. Approval of January Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Addition of Ruth’s attendance and item 5.b.ii. Mike moves, Ruth 2nds, Motion carries.
 - b. Council Meeting Minutes from September, October, November, December 2015 need posted to FLC website. Website issues resolved and this can move forward.
 - c. Draft annual meeting minutes status and posting to website – Vanessa has sent to Mark and he will push it out to everyone.
5. Mike moves for Vanessa to continue as the Congregational Council Secretary and that Ruth can step in as needed when Vanessa has to be gone. Tom seconded. Discussion. Motion carries.
6. Financial Report (Jim is not here). We like the charts and graphs that are in there. It makes it a little easier for people to see. First quarterly report will come out at the end of April and will be talked about at both services.
 - a. We need to get the audit committee started. The last committee included Jane Lanford, Bob Andresen and Cathy Birkliid. Names were discussed as to who might be available to help in this endeavor. Mike can be available maybe after tax season. David might be able to help too. We want a team together who can finish this by our May 17.
 - i. Vanessa moves authorize the formation of an audit team. Jerry seconds. David agrees to be the council representative for this ministry. Motion carries.
7. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John)
 - a. Pastor John is now on the alarm system contact.
 - b. Highlights include that he is working with Connie and Bubbel on the community Easter Service, Youth group kids had fun, preparing for Lenten services, Sara and Ade’s wedding in the second service
 - c. Working on Synod directive in regards to the wedding policy.
 - d. Mini-synod retreat for council members on May 14 (Saturday) here at our church for the cluster churches.
 - e. Dates to remember: Synod Assembly April 22-24; Pastoral Collegium April 19-21; Pacific Lutheran Seminary April 25-29; Confirmation is May 8; Vacation is June 27-July 13; Funeral scheduled for July 16. VBS is the week of June 20. Still need a date for family camp (likely the last weekend of July or first weekend of August).
 - f. Evie Freeman transfer letter to our church. Ruth votes to accept the letter of transfer; Jerry seconds. Motion Carries.
8. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry – not much going on. Just minor things like a leaking faucet in the community room and a broken toilet at the parsonage. Big deal is to be able to talk with Church Mutual Insurance and it looks like a big savings for us. Jim and Jerry looked into other churches in Alaska in the same area. It will drop the insurance to create a total savings of almost \$7500.

- b. Constitution Ministry – no changes.
 - c. Mutual Ministry – This group will start meeting soon. They have met with Pastor John after the 90-day review notes went out and they went over those with them.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry – no report.
 - e. Education Ministry – Lois and Vanessa are going to meet during spring break to decide on VBS curriculum and get that going.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – no report
 - g. Ministry Organization/Members/Leaders
 - a. We have a list of who is who in these groups. As it stands, it is pretty unorganized. Our constitution stipulates that a council member needs to be a part of each ministry as the council representative.
 - b. Goal: To get council members placed in committees to fulfill tenets of our constitution.
 - c. Some sort of Ministry Fair to encourage membership in the assorted ministries. Possibly in association in Easter?
9. Old Business
- a. Covenant Reform Church Use – no change. They have not gotten back to Pastor John just yet.
 - b. It was brought up that what goes on in our sanctuary is seen as representative of Lutheranism in general and a reflection of our beliefs.
10. New Business
- a. Linda Josuck's Project – discussion about needs and goals.
 - b. Fairbanks Light Opera Theater Use of Church - Vanessa explained the request. Ruth moves that allow FLOT the use of our building on Thursday nights for their OUAM with the exception of Maundy Thursday for a suggested donation. Mike seconds. Motion Carries.
 - c. Use of Community Room – Bulletin board(s) – A group wants a bulletin board for their use. Some people think it might be a good idea to have a good one up there to share but that opens the can of worms of respecting the beliefs of the varying groups. Ruth moves to allow AA to purchase and put a new bulletin board. Mike seconds. Mike wants to stipulate that we determine what is offensive. Vanessa brings up how the commissary board works and suggests we create a similar policy. Jerry will supervise. Motion carries.
11. Adjourn: Vanessa moves we adjourn. Ruth seconds. Motion Carries.
12. Closing Prayer – The Lord's Prayer was led by Ruth.