

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

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

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm.
2. Devotion – by Mark from Christ in Our Home.
3. Approval of Agenda – Jerry moves to approve as amended; Ruth seconds. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of March Council Meeting Minutes – Mike moves to approve, David seconds. Motion Carried.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Sunday, April 24 Income vs Expenses Report to Congregation
 - i. The shortfall for year to date giving vs expenses is \$11,000. The shortfall trend continues. Our quarterly congregation reminder report will be given Sunday by Mark at both services.
6. Pastor's Report (Pastor John)
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry
 - i. Cut brush, trimmed trees.
 - ii. Talk to some folks about doing clean up this weekend. ☺
 - iii. Look for 4 or 5 on a rotating basis to mow.
 - b. Constitution Ministry
 - i. No report.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry
 - i. 6-month evaluation to work like 90-day evaluation, with some tweaking.
 - ii. Looking to make a new volunteer form to start the discussion about volunteerism.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry
 - i. No report.
 - e. Education Ministry
 - i. VBS to have a barnyard theme.
 - ii. Middle School Sunday school class has merged with younger group. There aren't enough different teachers.
 - f. Worship and Arts Ministry
 - i. Early service instrumentalists still have concerns with the Council decision regarding pay. It was reminded during discussion that the congregation approved budget reductions across the board (including the Worship and Arts budget amounts) at the congregational meeting in January, and it was not the Council's decision. Therefore, the Worship and Arts Ministry needs to remain within their budget, which only allows for one paid musician at the early service.
 - ii. Sound system and piano repair
 1. Vanessa will call & ask about piano. David will ask about sound person to check system.
 - g. Ministry Organization/Members/Leaders
 - i. No report.
8. Old Business
 - a. Reformation 500
 - i. Mike brought up that it is a real opportunity for outreach but we have no concrete ideas yet. Maybe several things leading up to it to help really get the unchurched into church. A committee of about five to have in place by the end of May to brainstorm ideas.
 - b. Update on Linda Josuck's cabin: went out there a month ago – needs clean up around the perimeter and still some clean up and repairs to do. In a couple of weeks, a call will go out to get help to finish.
9. New Business
 - a. Garage Sale Proceeds – Tom moves for 90% of proceeds go to general fund and 10% go to local benevolences. Jerry Seconds. Motion carries with a 7 to 1 vote with Mark casting a negative vote.
 - b. Amy's Cabaret Proceeds – to go to music purchases for a future Cantata.
 - c. Fairbanks Youth Advocates Tile Fundraiser – asking for donations and the donations comes with the ability to put a name and a saying on the tile.
 - d. Pool table concerns discussed. Pool table use rules to be developed and posted. Vanessa will work on.
10. Adjourn – Vanessa moves we adjourn, Jerry seconds.
11. Closing Prayer - Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: May 17.