

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2016**

In attendance: Mike Cook, Kathy Thomas, Ruth Carson, Tom Alton, Mark Huffington, Jerry Zellmer, Jim Lewandoski, Vanessa Jackson, Pastor John Van Haneghan. Not Present: Skylar Holman, David Ingram.

1. Call to Order 7:00pm.
2. Devotion – led by Pastor John.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Mike moves to approve as amended; Jerry Seconds. Motion Carries.
4. Approval of April Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. Mike moves to approve as amended. Jerry seconds. Motion Carries.
5. Ed Niewohner
  - a. Concerns in regards in financial status and perceived reduction in worship services.
6. Financial Report - Jim reviewed our current financial situation.
  - a. Garage Sale Proceeds – 10% Benevolence to Local Charity.
    - i. Jerry moves to give 50% of the benevolence allotment to Love, Inc. and the other 50% to the Rescue Mission. Jim seconds. Motion carries. Mark will call to invite representatives to join us for our June 5<sup>th</sup> service.
    - ii. Reviewed Arlene Orbeck’s report from the garage sale.
7. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John)
  - a. Pastor reviewed highlights from his report.
    - i. Next Step incoming starting Memorial Day weekend.
    - ii. Member visits.
    - iii. Potential new members.
    - iv. Upcoming Schedule notes.
8. Ministry Reports
  - a. Property Ministry
    - a. Did the first mowing just before the rains hit.
    - b. The parking lot may need some patching – Jerry will get quotes and we can see about moving forward with that.
  - b. Constitution Ministry
    - a. Reviewed the progress that was made prior to the working hiatus. Will start up again after June 1. Mark suggested that we have this done and ready for congregational vote by the next meeting.
  - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry
    - a. Still working on volunteer handout.
  - d. Stewardship Ministry
    - a. GOOD Committee Pledge Drive Options.
    - b. Council debated the pros and cons of having both drives (building and regular) on the same or different Sundays.
    - c. Ruth will contact Sandy and research what we did last time as a congregation.

e. Education Ministry

- a. Vacation Bible School – we are in the process of advertising for it and wrangling. We are hoping for some help from Next Step for leading groups around.
- b. Pool Tables Rules – youth Sunday School has had some instruction on use of the pool table.

f. Worship & Arts Ministry – no report.

- g. Ministry Organization/Members/Leaders – look for an email from Mark about organizing this. And also to get everyone active.

9. Old Business

- a. Sound System – Jim had a concern from a member. Concerns that many cannot hear and that microphones are scratchy. We want to make sure that this issue is not dropped and forgotten.
- b. Mike suggests Wayne Halvorson and we are waiting to hear from Dave on it.
- c. It might just be time to replace the wireless mic pack.

10. New Business

- a. Brief Discussion of Bishop's Workshop on May 14
  - i. Mark will be forwarding the Powerpoint to council members to help fill out the blanks in the handout.
  - ii. One thing discussed was that you have to try new things. If it works great, if it does not, then revisit or drop.
  - iii. Another thing discussed was transparency in income and how to present. A possible thought is to move the graph or giving gap in the quarterly giving statements.
  - iv. As council members we protect the assets of the church through honoring traditions but also assessing risks.
  - v. We need to work on our yearly goal setting and really question if we are adhering to our own policies. We can look at an operational ethics policy and a congregation computer and internet use policy congregation at the next meeting.
  - vi. For the future – the workshop discussed having a cluster workshop in February or early March. Mission statement as a vision (can a six year old recite it?) What do we want to accomplish in the next few years and what do we need to do to get there.

11. Adjourn: Tom moves to adjourn, Jerry seconds motion carries with enthusiasm. 9:05pm.

12. Closing Prayer by Pastor John

Next meeting: June 14, 2016.