

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2016

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

1. Call to Order - 7:00pm.
2. Devotion – on the hymn, “Will Your Anchor Hold?”
3. Approval of Agenda – Mike moves to approve, Jim seconds. Motion carries.
4. Approval of June Council Meeting Minutes – Jim moves to approve, Jerry seconds motion carries.
5. Financial Report
 - a. Audit – Audit Team Members: Jane Lanford, Bob Andresen, and Cheryl Markwood.
 - b. Jim’s report: Benevolences have been paid; our giving is currently about \$13,000 less than expenses and \$22,000 less than pro-rated budget. Discussion on how to make up the difference as we are not bringing in enough in giving to match the monthly mortgage.
 - c. Jim is going to meet with the audit team on Monday to get the books audited.
6. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John) – Pastor reports on pastoral activities in the last month.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry – estimate for fixing the cracks (J Stewart) \$3750 to clean and fill cracks. He suggested that it needed to be sealed soon. Estimate for sealing and striping was \$20,000. Jerry suggests budgeting for it next year. Fire truck showed up yesterday – cooking mess. It’s been hot in the church, so we’ve been keeping the windows open.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – we met last Wednesday. We have figured out where we were a year ago, and we have a plan for completion.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – no report.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry – currently no leader and several members are leaving. Currently Kathy Alton is filling in for Ed Niewohner, but prefers not to be the chairperson. Pastor John shared about a program he had used called “Living Stewardship.” Possible meeting for the end of August.
 - a. GOOD Committee Pledge Drive Options
 - i. We still need the PDF from Ruth.
 - e. Education Ministry – We need to set up a meeting to discuss fall education plans.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – observation that summer combined services seem to be going well. Several compliments received.
 - g. Ministry Organization/Members/Leaders – table until a future meeting.
8. Old Business
 - a. Family Camp – August 6/7 - Mike moves to reserve Camp Bingle facility for Sat/Sun for \$400 with a 7:00pm Saturday service. Jerry seconds, motion carries.
 - b. Sound System – David was told we need to hire someone. We have one more person we might be able to ask to look at our system and Vanessa will reach out on that.
 - c. Computer and Ethics Policies – Vanessa moves that we ratify both policies as they stand after adding “Fairbanks Lutheran Church” and dates as appropriate. Jerry seconds, motion carries. The ratification date on the documents is July 19, 2016.
 - d. Narthex piano – Jerry will look at it.
9. New Business- note: We are a Pokemon Gym.
10. Adjourn – Jerry moves, David seconds, motion carries.
11. Closing Prayer – Pastor John.

Meeting ends at 8:04pm.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2016