

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016**

In attendance: Tom Alton, David Ingram, Skylar Holman, Kathy Thomas, Pastor John Van Haneghan
Mike Cook, Jim Lewandoski, Ruth Carson.

Not Present: Jerry Zellmer, Mark Huffington, Vanessa Jackson.

1. Call to Order 7:00pm.
2. Devotion: from Pastor John using the book, "Come Before Winter."
3. Approval of Agenda: Mike moves to approve with corrections, Jim 2nds. Motion carries.
4. Approval of August Council Meeting Minutes: Ruth moves to approve, Jim seconds. Discussion: Jim inquiries about the discussion about the password for financial accounts and who is as signing authority. Tom mentions that Mark was supposed to find out about. No other information. Motion carries.
5. Financial Report – Jim discusses the budget. The gap in expenses and budget due to the changes in Health Insurance Company and situation. Wet basement has cost about \$2000, and there is \$5000 earmarked for it. Down payment was made today on the new carpet squares, which comes to \$1800. Bad news on Building Fund, as Mount McKinley funds have been used. The monthly giving has been below the mortgage amount causing funds to be exhausted. General funds used to cover last month's difference, and now MIF Reserve will be used. Pastor John thought of using Memorial Fund to replace logo on the outside church sign. Discussion of benevolence giving where quarterly Synod Benevolence needs to be paid, and discussion on upping other benevolence to hold at 10% of giving. It is agreed to pay the Synod, and Pastor John recommends that we try to give them more due to our lower pledge. Jim moves into looking at getting a new sign for the church, Ruth Seconds. Discussion: Jim talks about letting the building committee look at a replacement. Motion passes. Jim discusses the payment of two musicians over the summer. Pastor John mentions that the summer was not an issue, as it was one service. He also mentions that in the bulletin that there was a donation directly to them for their pay. He mentions that Richard told them that the donation was to make up the difference in pay. Bottom line is that there will only be one musician per service paid.
6. Pastor's Report (Pastor John)
 - a. Rooted in Christ workshop with Pastor Monday October 10, 7-10 pm with dinner provided.
 - b. Youth Retreat rescheduled tentatively September 30 through October 2.
 - c. Ravens Landing service rescheduled. The social director says on Pastor John requested.
 - d. February 2-8, 2017 Pastor John will be going to daughter's wedding in Mexico.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry –
 - a. Basement: Pumps are off, but one hole has water in it a little. Plan now is to keep all holes available, and cover them to allow access when needed. Also, the carpet will not be put back in. Looking at options when Jerry returns.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – has met several times so far. Looks to have results by the next annual meeting. Next meeting is September 27.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry - no report.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry – Most of the group is gone which is the reason for no action. Looking for someone to chair in order to get it going. It was discussed to have a big Stewardship push at the combined service and potluck on October 30.
 - e. Education Ministry – no report.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – no report.
 - g. Ministry Organization/Members/Leaders – no report.
8. Old Business None.
9. New Business –
 - a. Ruth would like to try to get a good push for wellness. Looking at doing yoga and other activities to help bring a wellness program into the church. Also looking at trying to broaden into financial and other areas.
 - b. Reformation 500 inserts into bulletins.
 - c. Sandy requested vacation time. We will need to have some help covering the church during that time. Mike mentions that it would be good to make announcement to have it covered before she goes. It would also work to have a sign up for the time frame (October 21 to November 7).
10. Adjourn - Jim moves to adjourn, Mike seconds, and motion carries. Adjourned at 8:02pm.
11. Closing Prayer – Pastor John

Next Meeting: October 18.