

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2016**

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

1. Call to Order 7:02pm.
2. Devotion – healing after the election season.
3. Approval of Agenda – Jim moves, Skylar seconds, motion carries.
4. Approval of October Council Meeting Minutes – Mike moves to approve as edited, Jerry seconds, motions carries.
5. Financial Report – Building fund giving is where we are hurting the most. We are receiving approximately \$2000/month less than required for the mortgage payment. Overall giving is also down for a variety of reasons.
 - a. The gentlemen from Edward Jones is not available for this Sunday, but can come in again possibly before the end of the year to talk about the benefits of giving prior to the end of the year. We will ask him to come on December 11 (or the 4th as a second choice).
6. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John) – highlights include gratitude to Arlene Strandberg for all her help stepping in when Sandy was gone. Spiritual yoga is very well done. Collegium is really well done – “The Forgotten Luther.” Would like to see an official policy put in place to address those who call needing assistance.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry - laid the floor downstairs. Looks great! It’s beautiful. The Thomas family did a lot of work on scraping the floor. Total cost around \$4500 for the floor. Jerry talked to McCheyne’s about the carpet squares upstairs. They are finding a person to lay it down before Christmas. A call to the plumber was made on a zone valve. The lift was repaired after it broke down. Lots of volunteers are coming in to clean, shovel and plow, we are so grateful that they give their time.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – Mike went over the changes that were made from the last one. It is agreed that Tom will do the final edits from Mike because Vanessa has no time to complete this task at this time. The council will thoroughly read the document and use “track changes” in the document so that we can approve it or not quickly enough to get it to the Synod. We will meet again on November 29th at 7:00pm to go over just this topic.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – no report.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry
 - a. Fall Pledge Drive – we are still waiting on numbers.
 - e. Education Ministry – no report.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – one service on the date of the Sunday School program – December 18th at 10:00AM.
8. Old Business
 - a. Community Room Signs – discussion on the size of the signs and placement. It was mentioned that it would be nice for it to say Fairbanks Lutheran Church. It is agreed that the front of the church needs to make the focal point the cross and to not dilute that message. We worry that 18” X 36” might be a bit large for several signs.
 1. Mike makes a motion to allow two 11 X 17 signs with a white background to be put in buckets. He would prefer that “Fairbanks Lutheran Church” be on the signs. Dave 2nds. Motion carries.
 - b. 2017 Budget – Council went through the line items and had discussion on ways to save money and what actual costs were for line items during 2016. Members are tasked to go over to be prepared to find further ways to trim expenses at our December council meeting.
 - c. Congregational Meeting – moved to February 12, 2017.
 - d. Nominating Committee Members needed – we are going to need to directly ask people to join. No one has contacted Pastor John or Mark about being on this committee.
9. New Business – superseded by a motion to adjourn.
10. Adjourn – Skylar moved to adjourn, Jerry seconded. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.
11. Closing Prayer- by Pastor John.

Special Meeting called for November 29th at 7:00PM specifically to review the Constitution.

Next regular meeting scheduled for December 20 at 7:00PM.