

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2017**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Devotion – by Pastor John on the power of prayer to allow God to work through us.
3. Approval of Agenda – Jerry motions, Tom seconds, Motion Carries
4. Approval of December 2016 Council Meeting Minutes – Jim moves to accept, Jerry seconds, Motion carries
5. Financial Report – after checks clear we'll be at our lowest account balance in some time. Review of ideas from last budgeting meetings. Discussion of last week's town hall and ideas to effectively communicate with the congregation about our very real challenges with upcoming budgets. There is currently a \$16,000 budget gap in our budget and our anticipated giving.
6. Pastor's Report (Pastor John) – Review of Pastor's Johns work in the Spirit.
7. Ministry Reports
  - a. Property Ministry
    - a. Carpet Border replaced the week after Christmas.
    - b. Bathrooms stripped and waxed
    - c. Replaced filters and greased zerks in the air handling system
  - b. Constitution Ministry
    - a. Draft sent to Synod for review/comment November 30, 2016
      - i. Comments due from Synod before Sunday January 22 presentation to membership. No review comments from Synod yet. Mark to follow up with Bishop Shelly.
  - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – did not meet during Advent. Neat plans for future
  - d. Stewardship Ministry
    - a. GOOD Stewardship Drive
      - i. Met Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. There were donations made.
      - ii. Would like council to approve \$500 towards the spring pledge drive materials. So approved by council.
      - iii. Discussion of the function and intent of the memorial fund. Unless specifically requested to be put into the memorial fund, donations are put into the building fund because it is our area of highest and an intrinsic part of our mission.
      - iv. Building Up the Temple is the theme.
  - e. Education Ministry – no report
  - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – no report
8. Old Business
  - a. 2017 Budget
  - b. Signs – our signs have been moved to the sign guy's back burner, but there will be three.
  - c. Nominating Committee – Arlene has found someone else!
  - d. Yoga starts again in February.
9. New Business
  - a. Would like to do something fun with the outgoing council members in appreciation of their 4 years of service. Discussion ensued about fun things.
  - b. Ruth wants to really focus on the Wellness committee and get it going in the next year.
10. Adjourn - Vanessa Moves, Jerry seconds, motion carries. Meeting ends at 8:25pm
11. Closing Prayer – by Pastor John

Next Meeting: February 21, 2017