

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Agenda
February 21, 2017

In attendance: Tom Alton, Jerry Zellmer, David Ingram, Skylar Holman, Kathy Thomas, Pastor John Van Haneghan, Mike Cook, Denise Kind, Ruth Carson, Mikey Jackson.

Not Present: Vanessa Jackson, Mark Huffington, Jim Lewandoski, Lucy Andresen.

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm.
2. Devotion: based on PSALM 41.
3. Approval of Agenda: Mickey moves to Approve, Jerry 2nds. Motion carries.
4. Introduction and Welcome of Newly Elected Council Members. Board welcomes Mikey Jackson and Denise Kind to the meeting. Tom mentions that we are a small group, and try to adhere to Roberts Rules of Order. Both introduce themselves.
5. Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Corrections made to Property 7b. Mike moves to approve, David seconds. Motion carries.
6. Financial Report – As Treasurer was not present, not much information is present as to the status of Finances. Pastor John mentioned that he was provided a list of groups that make donations for the use, and it is pretty long. Tom mentions that the 2017 budget was presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, and it was passed with little issues. It is working on faith.
7. Pastor’s Report (Pastor John): Mentions that the Cluster retreat went well, which had 10 kids from the Catholic Church as well. They came together like they had known each other. More will be scheduled with the grant money that was received. He is working with the GOOD Drive and Pastor Lisa Smith-Fiegel on the Building Pledge Drive. Pastor John also mentions that he is a Synod Coach for a cohort of churches this weekend. He mentioned that the Sunrise service was able to get a Thrivent grant to pay for the bulletins. He is going to be doing “Unfailing Light” for Lenten service. Council Thank You Breakfast on March 11th.
8. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry – A lawn mower has been donated. No other issues.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – no new status on the constitution. Mark mentions in the agenda that it is back to updating the submitted constitution to comply with the 2016 and 2015 ELCA Model Constitution. He offered to lead if no takers. But no real information is present on what to do.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry- nothing new. Ruth gives an explanation of the role of the Ministry.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry – Tom and Pastor John met Monday to discuss the Building Pledge Drive. The goal of the fundraiser is \$250,000. The mortgage is under \$1 million, and has an APR of 4.35%. Currently, half of the payment goes to the principal. The drive is for three years and will start March 19. There is set to be presentations during the Wednesday Night Lent Suppers. The theme is “Building Up the Temple.”
 - e. Education Ministry – Pastor John mentions that Pam and Lois met to discuss Vacation Bible School, and looking to do it July 10-14, but not nailed down.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – Pastor John mentions that the Ministry met. He has met with the musicians and is looking at trying to get more attendance to 1st Service. He has thought about making the service 45 minutes in length, and seeing if a later start time is doable. He still wants to keep both services, but the 1st one is getting small. Mike talked about the time is varied depending on the sermon. Ruth mentions that shifting the time may work, but condensing Sunday school time might be good.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business –
 - a. Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from American AED: This was brought up at the annual meeting. Mark has done the research, and there is money in the budget from the Memorial Fund. There is a group from UAF that does go out and do training on it if need be. Ruth makes a motion to purchase the AED with the cost of \$1,525, with money from the Memorial Fund. David seconds. Motion carries.
 - b. Council Member Installation-Sunday, February 26, 2017: All council members need to be at both services. Plan is to do installation at the end of the 1st service, and beginning of the 2nd service.
 - c. Council Ministry Representatives and Annual Planning: Idea is that a council member should be on the ministry to be able to relay information about what is going on. It is asked to think about what can do.
 - d. Invitation Committee: Mike mentions about a starting an Invitation Committee to help bring in new members. It could be during the Bazaar or other events to invite more people to church. It may also be inviting Catholic Church kids to come in. Mikey agrees as she has talked to other teens to bring in, and they have been afraid to attend due to being judged by other churches they have attended. However, it is a good idea to try to get new members.
11. Adjourn - Jerry moves to adjourn, Ruth seconds, motion carries 8:08 p.m.
12. Closing Prayer – Pastor John

Next Meeting: March 21, 2017