

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Present: Mark Huffington, Tom Alton, Vanessa Jackson, Jim Lewandoski, Jerry Zellmer,
Mike Cook, Ruth Carson

Absent: Sara Harvison

1. Devotions – by Mark Huffington.
2. Call to order 7:08
3. Approval of Agenda – Vanessa moves to approve as amended Jerry 2nd, motion carries.
4. Approval of March Minutes – Jerry moves to accept as corrected, Tom seconds, motion carries
5. Financial Report
 - a. Aurora Energy to increase hot water heat by 8.57% starting with next bill.
 - b. Checking account balance stands to be completely spent to move a pastor up here as it stands.
 - c. Giving is down some, but we are in good shape for the next nine payments, at least. Mortgage balance is slowing down.
 - d. We have issued Tara her check and she has thanked us profusely.
 - e. Pastor Mark's car has been returned.
 - f. Pastor Mark Contract extension to May 9th
 - i. Pastor Mark was injured on March 9th at the Iditarod race and put in for disability which necessitates a 60-day waiting period before disability insurance commences.
 - ii. Proposal: Pastor Mark has agreed to a salary reduction to 2/3 of the previous rate until the close of business on May 8th for a dollar amount of \$3,561/month beginning from March 16. We are also still contributing 10% towards retirement and 5% for disability insurance/life insurance/retiree support.
 - iii. The current contract only goes to April 30.
 - iv. Jerry moves that we extend Pastor Mark's contract to the close of business to May 8. Mike seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.
6. Pastor's Report (Discussion of Sunday coverage)
 - a. Rachel has agreed to preach the first two Sundays in May
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Committee –
 - i. Basement and parsonage
 1. Rededication this Sunday.
 2. Parsonage has a crew working for past month. Special thanks to Tara. Literally work has been done from floor to ceiling
 3. Clean up day for first Saturday in May. Jerry makes motion, Mike seconds. Motion Carries. The council to invite the youth to help. Ruth to contact Sandy to push out to youth.
 - b. Call Committee –
 - i. Has a recommendation; however, references still need to be called.
 - c. Constitution Committee - no report
 - d. Mutual Ministry Committee – no report
 - e. Stewardship Committee – no report.

- f. Education –
 - i. Confirmation
 - 1. Will be Mother’s Day Weekend, and in lieu of a Pastor, it will be a celebratory event and the incoming Pastor can do the “official” Confirmation.
 - 2. Vacation Bible School
 - a. Week of June 29. Backstage with the Bible.
 - 3. Mike Cook has been hosting Adult Sunday School and there were quite a few people there. He will host until May 17th.
 - 4. Sunday School Picnic (and possibly other cool stuff) on May 17th too.
 - 5. Graduates to be recognized on May 10th. Need announcement in the bulletin and attention drawn to it via announcements.
8. Old Business
 - a. Child Safe Program – no new information (see March minutes)
 - b. Mission trip –housing and food
 - c. Basement Remodel Celebration
 - i. This weekend 3:00 – 4:30. Bring friends.
 - d. Garage Sale
 - i. Time to round up workers
 - ii. The Sons of Norway wants to do their normal pancake breakfast during the garage sale on Saturday. Council approves.
 - iii. Orbecks will be gone and won’t be able to coordinate sale
9. New Business
 - a. Summer Sunday Service
 - i. One Sunday Service? (May through August & time & choirs)
 - 1. Possible during the summer.
 - 2. Discussion
 - a. Memorial Day is the 25th is the weekend we typically use Summer Schedule. That would be a good cut off for decisions.
 - b. Various solutions discussed.
 - ii. Mike moves that the council meet again on May 5th to meet and discuss this further because we will have more information on which to proceed. Vanessa seconds. Discussion ensued. Mike calls the questions. Motion Carries. This is all that will be on the May 5th agenda.
 - b. Posting council meeting minutes (e.g. website, weekly email)
 - i. Posting approved minutes (about a month behind) so that the congregation can have access to the notes.
 - ii. Is something that Sandy can post?
 - iii. Keep about a year’s worth? In PDF format.
 - iv. Ruth moves that we start posting approved minutes on our website in PDF format. Tom seconds. Motion carries. We’ll attempt to start with the March minutes.
 - c. Wisconsin Christ Lutheran overnight at FLC Sunday, June 13 & worship June 14
 - i. Pastor Paula from Stoughton Wisconsin will have 27 youth and 11 adults to spend the night, Saturday June 13.
 - ii. They will be bussed here and hauling their own sleeping equipment and purchasing their own food.

- iii. They'd like to worship with us Sunday morning and with us until about 3PM Sunday.
 - iv. Need someone to let them in and help them hunker down. Mark can do that. Let the congregation know and there may be others that might want to be a part of the welcoming committee.
 - v. We'll ask Sara to make a welcome poster for them.
 - d. Synod Assembly – Vanessa and Mark attending. (Whoop!) Starts Friday at 1:00 and will end after service on Sunday morning. Everything is posted on the synod webpage for those who are curious. Verna and Edna will also be attending.
 - i. Others can attend - it's at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Wasilla. Only Mark and Vanessa will be able to vote, though.
10. Good of the Order
- a. Sandy got a request from a Goldie Hildebrandt in regards to move equipment. NO furniture beyond a mattress.
11. Adjourn Adjourned at 8:38.
12. Closing Prayer – Ruth led us in prayer.

(next general meeting is May 19)