

**Fairbanks Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Agenda**

**March 20, 2018**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Devotion**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of February 2018 Council Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Financial Report**
- 6. Pastor's Report (Pastor John)**
- 7. Ministry Reports**
  - a. Property Ministry**
    - a. Mailbox**
  - b. Constitution Ministry**
  - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry**
  - d. Stewardship Ministry**
  - e. Education Ministry**
  - f. Worship & Arts Ministry**
- 8. Old Business**
- 9. New Business**
  - a. Piano Tuning**
    - i. \$180-230 per piano**
  - b. Weekly offering deposit counter**
- 10. Closing Prayer**

Fairbanks Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 20 March 2018

Attendance: Jim Lewandoski, Bev Higdon, Pat Willson, Cheryl Markwood, Sig Strandberg, Jeff Rud, Dave Ingram, Denise Kind

Not Present: Pastor John (conflict with Messiah rehearsal), Michaela Jackson, Lucy Andresen

1. Call to Order @ 7:04pm by Dave Ingram
2. Devotion – Cheryl Markwood – from A Heart-Shaped Life
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve made by Cheryl Markwood and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Rud. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of February 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Pat Willson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Higdon. Correction to Cheryl's name spelling needed in 7B. Minutes approved.
5. Financial Report – Jim Lewandoski presented charts of finances.
  - a. Today's balance sheet shows \$6,166.46 in checking. Actually only \$187.65 once outstanding checks cashed. \$14,752.82 in Memorial; \$10,000 of which is general fund to be transferred over month by month.
  - b. The MIF account is \$36,439.12
  - c. Expenses at \$60,830, higher than giving at \$49,991. Pro-rated budget to date is \$55,199. Utility costs a factor, and these increased 5-6%.
  - d. Money in memorial fund when people gave whole year up front; added to general fund on month by month basis.
  - e. Easter and Garage Sale hoped to provide income.
  - f. Overall giving trend is declining. If continues, may be at zero by May/June.
  - g. Stewardship Committee may need to encourage increased giving.
  - h. Pastor John rejected a pay raise; elected not to double-cover Pam with health insurance; paying internet at parsonage.
  - i. Mortgage balance down to \$833,297.81; average monthly giving is down, but have 8 monthly payments on hand due to people who paid their yearly pledges upfront.
  - j. Have not paid Synod yet.
  - k. Motioned by Dave Ingram to pay 2 months of what owed to Synod; Sig Strandberg seconded. Motion passed.
6. Pastor's Report presented by Dave Ingram – Written report attached to minutes. Dave Ingram discussed the highlights.
  - a. Will be away at next month's scheduled Council Meeting. Council decided to move next Council Meeting will be moved to April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
  - b. People came in to women's Bible study meeting; concerns raised about building security and safety of groups meeting here. Suggested to keep door locked after business hours; people running groups can let people in and out as needed. Suggested to remind groups using the church that they should keep an eye on the door and let their people in, but keep building secured. Groups could make sure everyone has cell numbers and could text if arriving late and need to be let in.
  - c. Parsonage – Woodway and Amerigas were going to be at parsonage March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.
  - d. Snow knocked off some siding on parsonage exterior. Needs to be repaired. Should be brought to attention of Property Committee.
  - e. May need to move snow away from base of parsonage to prevent flooding. Need to consult with Jerry on foundation and what may need to be done (re-grading, gutter maintenance?).
  - f. Water vapor may be getting into parsonage roof; vents were thoroughly frost caked. Roof rafters should be inspected when conditions permit. 2007 additional insulation had been blown into roof.
7. Ministry Reports

- a. Property Ministry – Sig Strandberg
    1. Looking into establishment of exterior, secured mailbox so mail can be delivered prior to office being staffed. Estimated \$100-200 for mailbox; \$20 for USPS lock; \$40-50 pedestal/post. To be done when ground thawed. Earmarking up to \$200 from garage sale for installation suggested; anonymous donor may cover costs of box.
    2. Community room – Orbecks have inspected. Wheel used in meeting; stand is beginning to damage doorway as moved in and out. Suggested to speak with group owning it about protecting wall from it. Over 5 years, will probably have to paint, repair wood chair rail (sand/restain), fix chair upholstery. Room usage is part of church's mission. Pat Willson noted that chair rail may not be wide enough; may want to replace with wider when due to be repaired.
    3. Maintenance of high-use areas of church. Everyone can keep an eye and notify Property Ministry of things to add to work queue. Costs of repairs have to be monitored.
    4. Doors to sanctuary are original and need refinishing. New doors donated for far left doors by Dufseths & arrived at Spenard's. Need installation. Property Ministry will follow up.
    5. Tree with failed branch in north church yard. Tree has to be cut down. Jerry Zelmer and Jim Lewandoski will handle (per Jim). Other trees also need to be inspected and at least one more may need to come down.
    6. Consider updating of sign when funding allows.
  - b. Constitution Ministry – Cheryl Markwood – documents reviewed; need to meet and go over changes needed in formatting.
  - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – Bev Higdon – talked with Ruth Carson; will be planning to meet and proceed with contacting people. Weekly offering deposit counter volunteer needed – to coordinate if not do it themselves.
  - d. Stewardship Ministry – Dave Ingram – work in progress
  - e. Education Ministry – Jeff Rud
    1. Vacation Bible School July 16-20; Lois Heine has ordered materials – “Shipwrecked” is theme. Reminder to request reimbursement. Music & Arts overlaps with VBS, but hope to work out hours and space use to allow both activities.
    2. June 27 is National Youth Gathering in Houston. Morgan Holman and William Jackson going.
    3. Lack of Sunday school kids; thoughts on how to increase. Suggested to move backpacks with materials out into Narthex to make more visible to kids/families. For older kids; suggested laptops or tablets with materials on it to play with rather than backpacks.
    4. Interest in figuring out how to attract young families with children. Ideas welcome. Perhaps a small Facebook ad with a jpg picture & schedule; invitation to come & bring families. Social media advertising.
    5. Will prepare sign for backpack tree.
  - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – Denise Kind – no news to report. Will meet April 10<sup>th</sup> before next Council meeting.
8. Old Business
- a. Nothing discussed under old business. ,
9. New Business
- a. Piano Tuning (\$180-\$230/piano) – suggested to tune grand in Sanctuary but not worry about rest given financial situation; has been a few years (2016) – motioned by Dave Ingram, seconded by Sig Strandberg. If money left at end of year, consider addressing tuning of the others then.
  - b. Weekly offering deposit counter – addressed previously with Mutual Ministry Ministry.
  - c. Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Math Night at Joy. Will provide time.
  - d. For next fall, will need school supplies. Should have list this spring, and can begin drive.

e. For next Loving Families, expecting 4 families, 3 pack & play needed for kids. Menu being worked out and food donations will be solicited. Dave will provide dates and more information via e-mail.

Suggested to give more advance notice to get volunteers than last time.

10. Adjourn at 8:16pm. Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Markwood and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sig Strandberg. Motion approved.

Closing Prayer – Dave Ingram

11. Next Council meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

# MISSION INVESTMENT FUND

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Welcome Fairbanks Lutheran Church!

Account (Click for Details)	Balance	Status	Options
D CK 7456	\$36,439.12		Select Option ▼

Account (Click for Details)	Balance	Status	Options
Com Lns 9830	\$833,297.81		Select Option ▼

1 Deposit accounts with a total balance of \$36,439.12  
1 Loan accounts with a total balance of \$833,297.81

You last accessed your MIF Online account on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 1:38:06 PM Central Time  
You have accessed MIF Online 36 time(s) since Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:57:52 PM Central Time [Reset this counter](#)

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## Accounts

<b>Building Project</b>	Available
XXXX9343	balance
	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>FLC Youth CHECKING ACCT</b>	Available
XXXX1425	balance
	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	Available
XXXX1851	balance
	<b>\$6,166.46</b>

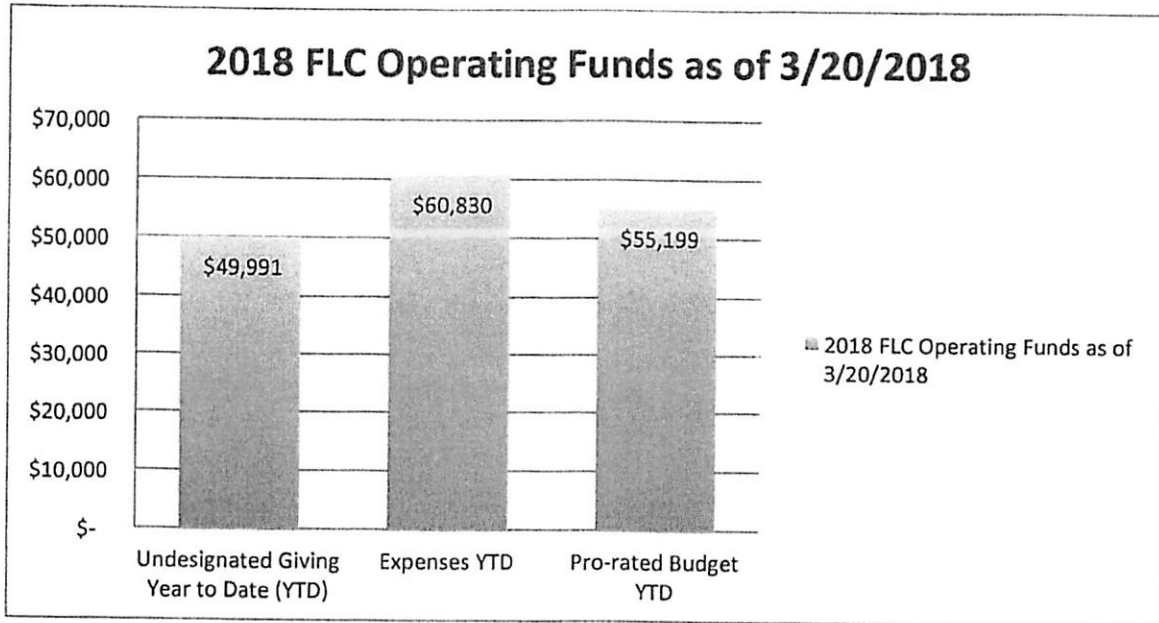
→ \$187.65

<b>FLC Youth PASSBOOK SAVING</b>	Available
XXXX8841	balance
	<b>\$10,175.26</b>

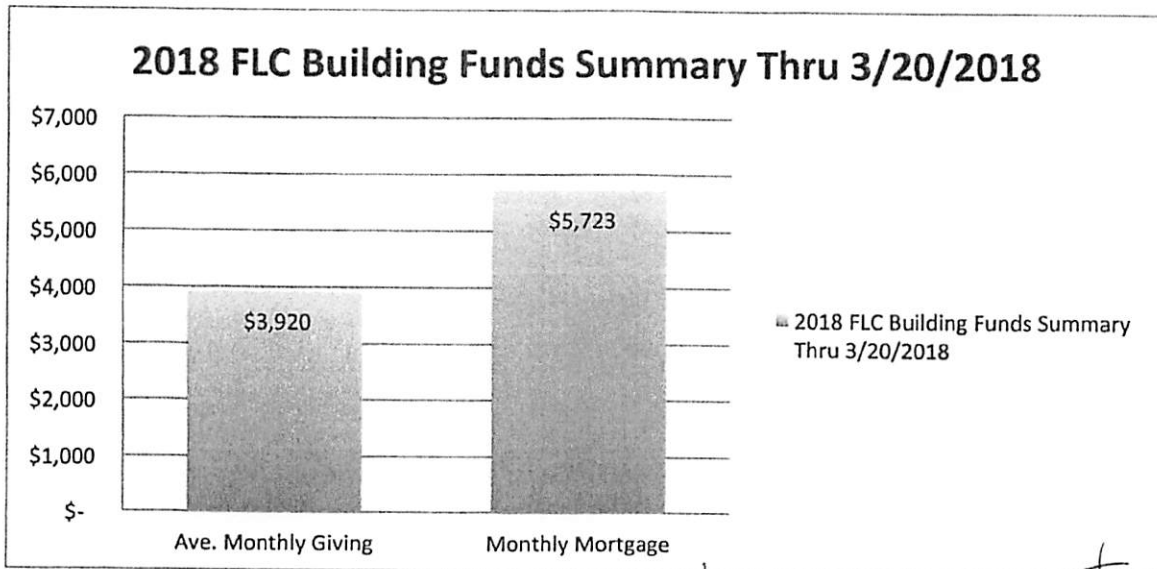
<b>MEMORIAL FUND</b>	Available
XXXX8018	balance
	<b>\$14,752.82</b>

→ \$10,000 belongs to general

<b>BUILDING PROJECT</b>	Available
XXXX4257	balance
	<b>\$10,542.44</b>



Please continue to give as you are able. Our checking account is very close to \$zero at this time.  
Church & Parsonage Utilities have increased in 2018.



Our mortgage balance is now \$833,297.81!!

*Total 8 Payments in*

Please consider Simply Giving - a program which automatically deducts your giving from your bank account or credit card. See Cathy Birkliid. Simply Giving helps the church budget with a steady stream of your donations, even while you're on vacation using the airline miles you've earned!

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**PASTOR'S REPORT 3/20/2018****ADMINISTRATIVE**

- work with Sandy
- posting on Facebook
- Food Bank distribution
- Consult with congregational leaders
- Council preparation
- Help open church on Sunday
- Make Sure TV "bulletin board "is up and running on Sunday
- Meet with Council President before council

**PASTORAL**

- visits; phone calls, e-mails
- Lefebvre-Martinez Wedding
- Talked with Bob Boutang
- Talked with Linda Josucks
- Prayer with Orbecks before surgery
- Working with Sandy on Linda's situation
- Confirmation/ Confirmation prep
- Adult Sunday School Prep
- Monthly Letter
- Follow up on Visitors
- Sermons, Thoughts for the next month, hymns for heritage service
- Several e-mails and cards sent out
- Ash Wednesday Preparation
- Lenten Service Participation
- Attended Miriam Circle
- Attended fellowship dinner at Cooks
- Sonja Campbell transfer from Zion Lutheran

**LUTHERAN**

- Cluster Dean work
- Lectionary Group
- Luncheon with Cluster Clergy
- Coach- St. Marks Anchorage / Dillingham
- Attended Synod Council in Anchorage

**OTHER**

- Easter Sunrise Service meetings and preparation- I will be giving the message
- Newsminer Article for March 9

**FUTURE**

- Weds. Lenten Service 3/21
- Messiah Concert on March 25<sup>th</sup> mandatory rehearsals this week



- Fellowship/ dinner Cook residence 2/24
- Holy Week and Easter Services March 25<sup>th</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Woodway and AmeriGas on sight at Parsonage on March 27 at 9:30 am
- Extra Daytime Maundy Thursday Table Service at 10:30 am
- Good Friday Cantata March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Continuing Education April 15-21 Intentional Interim Ministry Training
- Collegium and Synod Assembly featuring bishop election April 24-29<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Sunday April 29- Pam is working on it
- Jonah Victorino baptism in May
- Garage Sale May 11 and 12
- VBS- July? (dates could conflict with Festival of Arts use of the building)
- Trip to Austin 8/1-8/10

#### **ITEMS FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSION/ PRAYER**

**PARSONAGE- Outside siding over back door pulled off due to excess snow**

**-Basement not put back together from fall flood**

**-New service for Maundy Thursday during the day**

**PERSONAL- Unfortunately I will not be here from next month's council meeting I will be gone for Continuing Education in LA .4/15-4/21, then the next week 4/24-4/29. Could a date change be in order?**