

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 May 2018

Attendance: Pastor John Van Haneghan, Bev Higdon, Denise Kind, Jeff Rud, Sig Strandberg, Pat Willson

Not Present: Lucy Andresen, Dave Ingram, Michaela Jackson, Jim Lewandoski, Cheryl Markwood

Guest: Jan Rud

Additional attendees:

1. Call to Order @ 6:10pm
2. Devotion – Pastor John – from Psalms for Praying
3. Approval of Agenda – Going off last month’s agenda, with modifications as necessary.
4. Approval of 10 April 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Sig Strandberg 2nd by Bev Higdon. Minutes approved.
5. Financial Report – Jim’s report of current balances sent by e-mail.
 - a. Today’s balance sheet shows Mt. McKinley checking at \$20,746, building at \$20,578
 - b. The MIF account is \$25,034
 - c. Mortgage balance at \$827, 238; 8 payments on hand due to people who gave their annual donation early
 - d. Garage sale proceeds estimated at \$6,370 but are not yet a final count.
6. Pastor’s Report presented by Pastor John – Written report attached to minutes.
 - a. 2 new families with children have been attending and have expressed interest in Sunday school.
 - b. Could have as many as 4-5 in confirmation next year.
 - c. Cluster Dean work is involving a little extra; Pastor John is facilitating communication between congregations about things they are accomplishing.
 - d. Synod Assembly was a good experience; see notes provided by Jeff Rud.
 - e. Additional puppet shows with kids at Pam’s daycare.
 - f. Jonah Victorino and Charlotte Blair Ingram baptisms this weekend.
 - g. June 9 – Forrest May Memorial Service
 - h. VBS July 9-13.
 - i. Pastor John away 8/1-8/11
 - j. IMN training Sept. 16-22nd in LA
 - k. Evita’s last Sunday is June 3rd. Looking for new musician(s).
 - l. For Property Ministry: was flooding in parsonage basement last year due to blocked gutters. Need to put molding back around baseboard and move futon back in for spare bedroom. Old elliptical needs to be removed and disposed of.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry
 1. Will repair fence; a gift of replacement rails and posts has been made; work once ground thawed
 2. Paving company (HC) called and asked about getting an estimate for north parking lot repair. Probably at least \$2,000-4,000 for a good, thorough repair. Sig will follow up on it and schedule for this summer. Other minor problem spots developing; will monitor.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – nothing new to report.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – Millie is looking for people to do the counting with her to learn the procedures and assist with the process.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry – nothing new to report
 - e. Education Ministry – nothing new to report
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry – nothing new to report

8. Old Business

- a. Report from Alaskan Synod Assembly (27-29 April 2018) – presented by Jeff Rud. See attached notes; highlights mentioned below.
 1. Bishop Shellie Wickstrom re-elected to serve another 6 year term.
 2. Guest speaker from ELCA in Chicago gave presentation about ELCA work across North America (\$1.3 billion taken in through 2017).
 3. Thoughts on things other congregations are doing were presented (host homeschool graduations, grief counseling through training of volunteers to counsel, parent night outs, social media presence and activity, gift policy, ability to swipe credit/debit card or use online methods to donate to church, the “Plume” outreach program as community outreach (host dinners, etc.).
- b. Linda Josuks donated a large quantity of materials to the garage sale; things cleaned out of nurse’s office.
- c. Thanks to everyone who made the garage sale such a success! A lot of people contributed to making it work. \$250 seed grant from Thrivent helped with advertising and marking materials, lunch for volunteers. It was an effective community outreach event as well as fundraiser. The split rail donation arose from someone who stopped by the garage sale.
- d. Joy’s STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) night was great. Sig and Arlene Strandberg and the Kinds helped with dinner and activities. Joy plans and prepares everything, volunteers just have to show up and staff a station. It’s very easy to do, and it’s great fun working with the kids and parents.

9. New Business

- a. Jan Rud – would like to re-invigorate the parish nurse program (a type of community-based nursing). She would like to
 1. talk with people in the congregation who are active or retired nurses to see what has been done in the past with parish nursing
 2. see who is interested in being involved now
 3. take additional training on parish nursing as part of her own professional continuing education (Foundations of Faith Community Nursing program)
 4. plan things that could be accomplished with a parish nursing program this summer
 5. begin actively engaging in parish nursing projects in the fall.Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association was cited as a source of information (attached in documents); the focus of a parish nursing program is on things nurses do independently based on their training and expertise. For example, blood pressure screenings, health education workshops (sunscreen, bike helmets, etc.). She plans to see what other ideas are out there, what would be useful.
- b. God’s Work, Our Hands is 2nd Sunday in September (Sept. 9). Outreach project to community. Last year was clean-up along Chena River with Christ Lutheran; collaboration this year would be nice. Could check with Love Inc., other organizations in town.
- c. Love Inc. cruise in July – a big fundraiser for them. Tickets are available.
- d. Jeff Rud suggested that we consider bringing back youth camp or family camp. This was something many graduates commented on as a favorite memory of their time at church. Pastor John noted that the cluster is planning a youth retreat in the fall.
- e. Joy – continuing partnership. Supply drive in the fall. More information forthcoming.
- f. Cheryl Markwood’s husband is undergoing heart surgery, keep them in your prayers. Also keep Chuck Newberg in prayers as he undergoes cancer treatment; there is a Go Fund Me set up to help with chemotherapy expenses.

10. Adjourn at 7:27pm. Motion to adjourn by Bev Higdon and 2nd by Pat Willson. Motion approved.

11. Closing Prayer – Pastor John

12. Next Council meeting is 19 June 2018 at 6:00pm.