

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 19 June 2018

Attendance: Pastor John, Bev Higdon, Dave Ingram, Denise Kind, Jim Lewandoski, Jeff Rud, Sig Strandberg,

Not Present: Lucy Andresen, Michaela Jackson, Cheryl Markwood, Pat Willson

Additional attendees: None

1. Call to Order @ 6:04pm
2. Devotion – Pastor John, “Five Healthy Habits” (see documents from tonight’s meeting)
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve made by Sig Strandberg and 2nd by Jim Lewandoski. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of May Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Sig Strandberg 2nd by Jeff Rud. Minutes approved.
5. Financial Report – Jim Lewandoski presented (see documents from tonight’s meeting).
 - a. Today’s balance sheet shows \$17,496.19, but will be \$9,985 once outstanding bills paid.
 - b. The MIF account has \$34,326.96 in checking; mortgage balance is \$824,237.24. Was originally a 25-year mortgage, but at current rate, have about 18 years left before full payoff. GOOD committee will meet in Oct.
 - c. Giving is meeting expenses; monthly mortgage is a bit higher than average monthly giving, but have 8 month’s payment in Mt. McKinley account since some individuals paid their pledges up front. Building account shows \$12,410.40.
 - d. Paid up with Synod through May. Could do another month or two of payments sometime soon.
6. Pastor’s Report presented by Pastor John – Written report attached to minutes. Pastor John discussed the highlights.
 - a. Regular puppet shows at daycare center.
 - b. Woodway came to inspect upstairs fireplace; will cover fireplace to ensure sealed off.
 - c. Joel Cedarberg’s leg amputated; now in Denali Center. Getting around in wheelchair, goal is prosthesis. Phil Heine has been visiting and helping him regularly.
 - d. Forrest May memorial service held.
 - e. Soule-Bailey wedding on June 27th – question about whether reception committee needs to do anything; Bev will check.
 - f. Koop-Crawford wedding on July 21st
 - g. Carol Sparks will help with accompaniment at Heritage Service, possibly through fall. Scott Hanson is another possibility for some weeks, but not all.
 - h. News Miner article on the 29th.
 - i. Youth gathering June 26 to July 3; will do a send-off & welcome back. Have them talk about the experience.
 - j. Pastor will be gone 8/1-8/11
 - k. Mikah Meyer – Council approved of inviting him to sing and speak at the service July 15th. Reception committee will plan something for after service. He is a countertenor with the National Cathedral and speaks about being an openly gay Christian, fosters acceptance. See attached e-mail for additional information.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry –
 1. GVEA easement – need to approach about releasing that.

2. Pursuing mailbox for receiving of deliveries; must be mounted and locking – have an anonymous giver to help with it; need to discuss how to pay for full purchases price. Possibility of Thrivent project. Estimated total cost = \$200-250.
 3. Paving patch completed by HC Contractors; high quality repair – found some pipes underground and vertical, worked with that. Need to look into the purpose of the pipes. Cost came in at \$1500, which was within range of estimate.
 4. Jim & Jerry cut trees down and removed brush. Talking to stump grinders to grind the stumps. Thrivent grant will cover costs.
 5. LED bulb conversion – could also use Thrivent grants to purchase. John Orbeck saved old items that were still functional. Community Meeting Room and Conference Room would be first targets for replacement given their higher use.
 6. Fill cracks in pavement this summer.
 7. Some trim coming off coffee counter; needs to be re-glued.
 8. New doors from Stan and Millie Dufseth – need to be installed. Need to ask them about the doors.
 9. Parsonage basement trim needs to be re-attached.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – Cheryl is out; will get together soon.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry – nothing new to report; altar care for summer is set, will need to address for fall.
 - d. Stewardship Ministry-no new information
 - e. Education Ministry-
 1. National youth gathering – 13 from Interior Alaska are going. 30,000 kids gathering in Houston. Youth will be involved in service projects while there.
 2. Lord of Life is doing “shipwrecked” for VBS this week – same program we will do – will share information with us after they complete it. Work probably needed on props and scenery; will coordinate with Lois to get things in order. Reminder to have volunteers put in for reimbursement if they have to buy things for VBS.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry-
 1. next meeting is Aug. 14th
 2. see Pastor’s report for notes on accompanists for Heritage Service. Accompanist schedule for summer is included with documents. Need to hire people – paperwork for Carol Sparks, Scott Hanson. Timesheets need to be set up.
 3. Pastor will do an express worship service Wednesdays in July 6:00-6:30pm.
8. Old Business
- a. Love INC cruise coming up July 15th. Tickets available.
 - b. Michaela and Dave went to the Loving Families event. Jeff Rud was recognized for his substantial time investment working in support of the families. We will host families the week of Dec. 16th for the fall semester; more churches are involved, so we will be responsible for fewer weeks.
 - c. Bright Futures Fairbanks – supplies needed; will set up a drive. Funds needed for Scholastic subscriptions and headsets. Will have information in bulletin & e-mail; information attached in documents from this meeting.
9. New Business
- a. God’s Work, Our Hands – Sept. 9th – need to work on plans.
 - b. No July Council meeting.
10. Adjourn at 7:18pm. Motion to adjourn by Dave Ingram and 2nd by Bev Higdon. Motion approved.
11. Closing Prayer
12. Next Council meeting is 21 August 2018 at 6:00pm.