

Fairbanks Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 September 2018

Attendance: Dave Ingram, Denise Kind, Jim Lewandoski, Jeff Rud, Pat Willson

Not Present: Pastor John, Lucy Andresen, Bev Higdon, Michaela Jackson, Cheryl Markwood, Sig Strandberg

Additional attendees: Terry Doerr

1. Call to Order @ 6:04pm by Dave Ingram
2. Devotion – Dave Ingram led group in prayer
3. Approval of Agenda – Items added under old business and new business. Motion to approve made by Jim Lewandoski and 2nd by Jeff Rud. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of August 2018 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Pat Willson 2nd by Jim Lewandoski and Jeff Rud. Minutes approved.
5. Financial Report – Jim Lewandoski presented charts of finances.
 - a. Today's balance sheet shows \$13,420.43 in Mt. McKinley account; \$4690 once outstanding bills paid. Youth contributes \$200/month to general operating costs. Memorial fund is at \$9,659.18; \$4,859 to remain there. Jeff suggested it would be nice to be able to have general contribute to youth rather than vice versa if we can reach a point where that is possible.
 - b. The MIF account is \$17,202
 - c. \$23,293.68 in building project fund at Mt. McKinley. Mortgage balance is down to \$815,087. Half of each mortgage payment is principle. The balance of 7 mortgage payments held in the accounts is due to people who paid pledges up front.
 - d. Expenses in line with budget; undesignated giving just below. Benevolence paid through July 31.
 - e. Memorial fund expenditures: sign replacement. Total needed by Skylar to replace sign would be approx. \$400. LED light project continues.
6. Pastor's Report presented by Dave Ingram – Written report attached to minutes. Dave discussed the highlights.
 - a. Pastor Bodin's retirement. Dave will ask Pastor John to draft a letter; Denise will get two cards for people to sign; they will be available in the Narthex Sunday. Denise will ask Sandy to put an announcement in bulletin and e-mail.
7. Ministry Reports
 - a. Property Ministry – Water is right up to the top; will flood if rain continues/water rises.
 - b. Constitution Ministry – in progress; Dave will work on this.
 - c. Mutual Ministry Ministry –no report
 - d. Stewardship Ministry- no report
 - e. Education Ministry- Sunday school has started; possibly a few more kids than previously. pre-K-K, 1-6, 7-high school are the age groups. Youth were very excited to have their own group. Kids had lots of good ideas. Confirmation on Thursday nights. Pastor is starting new adult class. Confirmation age retreats being looked into. Youth gathering in 2021 – need to consider fundraising prior to that. Western states in ELCA gathering every 2 years; kids can go to that as well in 2020. Possible activities with other churches. Reminder from Jim that teachers can be reimbursed for any materials needed. Consider donations; fund-raising. Car wash at rummage sale. Food bank work could be done. Cleaning help is welcome.
 - f. Worship & Arts Ministry- nothing new to report.
8. Old Business
 - a. Mailbox – Jeff is working on; youth will assist.

- b. Bright Futures Fairbanks – ongoing work with packing bags for weekend food supply for students in need. Sign up sheet in coffee area. Oljanna Kind is at Joy every week, can orient other people to the process.
- c. God’s Work, Our Hands was successful – packed a lot of food in a very short period of time – food boxes for seniors in need. Another group of adults and youth was there as well. Tour afterwards included a lot of information about the history of the Food Bank and big picture of their operations. Fairbanks Lutheran had a member involved in the founding of the food bank.

9. New Business

- a. Richard Comer requests reinstatement of membership. No objections to reinstatement; he is reinstated.
- b. Terry – when returns from Michigan, brings back a large amount of toilet paper, paper towel, soap. Had noted that supplies were leaving the supply closet faster than they could have been being used in the building – 28 rolls of toilet paper in a 3 week period (almost 10 per week). He made some changes to the supplies, and use dropped to 3 rolls in 5 weeks. This year, didn’t bring them all in at once; bringing in as needed and re-stocking. Proposed to put up a sign saying the area is under surveillance to deter theft. Pat raised concern that the sign be worded so that it is factually accurate; the sign will be worded to be truthful and not overstate the nature of the surveillance. Terry also proposed to keep a small quantity of supplies upstairs and move the rest to a location downstairs. Both were approved; supplies were moved following the meeting. Terry will prepare and post a sign. If these measures are not sufficient, locking the supply room door will be the next step to consider; this would require that individuals who need access have a key available.

10. Adjourn at 6:51. Motion to adjourn by Denise Kind and 2nd by Jim Lewandoski. Motion approved.

11. Closing Prayer – Jeff Rud

12. Next Council meeting is October 16, 2018 at 6pm.