

**First Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2020 6:00**

“Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we serve our community and the world”

**Members Present:** Shanon Nowell, Carolyn Trnka, Gordon Long, Dave Ribar, Sue Gray, Intern Miranda, Laura Lindell, John Sylvester, Bill Kautt, Pastor Gwen Hermanson, Harry Hunt, Ryenne Pettis, Mary Thompson, Cindy Nadeau

**Members Absent:** Eleanor Winterfeldt, Josh Drinkall, Ken Westphal

**1. Call to Order:** Shanon Nowell at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Gathering and Devotions:** Group Activity

**3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C

**4. Approval of the Minutes:**

- A. Approval of minutes from Dec 17, 2019 meeting:
  - Correction of name spelling- Shannon to Shanon
  - Line of credit correctionM/S/C

**5. Old Business:**

- A. Review of Council Duties
  - a. Committee Assignments Council on Duty, Attendance, Giving  
Sign up for committees, expectations as leaders, Fellowship sign up for Feb. 23
- B. End of Year Financials Report : Ended the year in the black, 108 pledges which is down 18 from last year. Discussion of budget and restricted gifts- put on agenda to address moving forward.

**6. New Business:**

- A. Approve agenda and ballots for January 26 annual meeting: Discussion on items included. M/S/C
- B. Appoint Mark Boomgaarden and Ken Westphal to Funds Management Committee M/S/C
- C. Adopt Winter Weather Policy: FLC will follow the same weather closings and late starts as the St. Peter School District. Staff will be paid for their regularly scheduled hours in the event of a weather closing. M/S/C
- D. Sunday Schedule Decision: A second simple service will be added at 11:15, starting in February until summer schedule starts. Attendance will be monitored. M/S/C
- E. Election of Officers: Past President- Shanon Nowell, President-Bill Kautt, Vice President- John Sylvester, Secretary- Cindy Nadeau, Treasurer- Harry Hunt M/S/C

## **7. Personnel and Committee Reports**

- A. Building and Grounds: Two groups will be using FLC facilities- one started last week, one will begin using the kitchen space in February
- B. Fellowship: Working on Easter breakfast
- C. Stewardship: Pledges received equal only  $\frac{2}{3}$  of budget and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of building costs. This is concerning.

## **8. Council on Duty**

- A. Reports: Cindy, Mary, Shanon, Gordon
  - Concern that 11:15 service is too late for assisted living residents who eat lunch at 11:30.
  - Positive comment about improved communication with agenda and minutes available to members
  - Opinion that 11:15 service should be a full second service
  
- B. Upcoming schedule: Harry , Gordon, Laura

## **9. Good of the Order**

- A. Good question, observation, or comment: Congregational meeting will be moved to the Dining Room, more space, better sound system and podium.
- B. Devotions and refreshments for February 2020: Laura Lindell -devotions, Bill Kautt-refreshments

## **10. Lord's Prayer**

## **11. Adjourn**

The next Congregational Council meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020