

**First Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

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

Members Present: Bill Kautt, Pastor Bill Nelsen, Garrett Paul, Mary Spear, John Sylvester, Cindy Nadeau, Harry Hunt, Nancy Timm, Kim Bovee, Michelle Twait, Michelle Doose, Steve Erickson, David Marlow

Members Absent: Mary Thompson, Raina Roehmhilldt

1. Call to Order: Bill Kautt at 6:36 p.m.

2. Devotions: Cindy Nadeau

3. Approval of the Agenda: Add item to look at Worship Assistants. M/S/C with added item.

4. Approval of April 20, April 26, 2021 Council Minutes: One correction- on the 20th we did not adjourn, we recessed. M/S/C with correction made.

5. Pastor’s Report: Pastor Bill Nelsen

- Upcoming Worship: One service in person and one service on-line.

May 23, Pentecost- Ted Larson Award presented to Nancy Thorkelson and past recipients honored.

May 30, Holy Trinity

June 6 , Senior Blessing

June 7, First Monday evening service- 7 pm, more informal

-Search for office coordinator- we are receiving some applications. Office hours have been adjusted to M-Th, 9-12. Thanks to all volunteers, organized by Cheryl Kautt.

-Memorial service for Cole Turritin this Saturday at Catholic Church, Committal service for Barbara Ylinen, Memorial service on June 5 for Eunice Amos at First.

6. President’s Report: Bill Kautt

-Confirmation classes have planted 80+ trees on the east edge of the property. A large

work
force helped with the project.

-Call Committee: contacting those interested or nominated. Several forms turned in for consideration.

-Ministry Site Profile

-Tech Committee

-Constitutional changes have been approved by the synod

7. Treasurer’s Report: Harry Hunt

- Cash: \$343,535

- Bills paid and current, expenses

- In line- budget and income

- \$1,266,137 is owed on building- Reserve of 77,638

8. Informational Reports

-Constitutional changes (addressed in President’s Report)

9. Unfinished Business:

- A. Ministry Site Profile: Three changes from Pastor Cook- two technical:
“Regular” pastor to “settled” pastor
“Delegates” changed to “voting members”
Addressed items left blank because the program didn’t allow us to fill out as we wanted. He suggested we add an explanation in the comments. Changes were made. Motion to approve the Ministry Site Profile- S/C It will now be sent to Pastor Cook.
- B. Technology Task Committee: MetroNet -fiber provider. Difference between cable and fiber. Speed is much faster, gives us lots of updates and prepares us for the future. Cost is \$501.00 a month- 5 yr. commitment, but no installation fee. Committee recommends we go with this plan. It gives us 2 phone systems, training, higher speed, and improved security. The cost difference between this and what we currently have is \$184.00 a month. The first month is free. Finance committee also approved. Motion to go with MetroNet plan to provide fiber for our church. S/C

10. New Business:

- A. Gift of Grace Campaign in honor of Bishop Anderson: Bishop Anderson has been bishop for our synod for 18 years. He will be retiring this summer. Campaign to honor him by raising funds for supporting pastors and congregations. Many pastors are in heavy debt and can use help with health issues. Would offer workshops for congregations. Our Seminary Endowment Fund is in place at FLC. We currently do not have a seminary student to finance. Finance committee recommends we use this money to give to Gift of Grace. The amount is \$11, 070- \$65.00 for each of Bishop Andersons 18 years of service. Motion to use these funds for Gift of Grace. S/C
- B. Call Committee: Constitution calls for seven members of the congregation to make up the Call Committee. Synod forms were sent to those who were nominated or were interested. Nine people returned their questionnaires.
Motion to not have Emily Bruflat be one of the seven Call Committee members, as per Synod recommendation, but will be included with staff later in the process. S/C
Review of forms and discussion of candidates. Motion that these people be chosen to the Call Committee: Mark Roehmildt, Isabel Avant, Kaari Bly, Aileen Bipes, Michelle Doose, and Dawn Wenner. S/C
- C. Staff Support Recommendations: Council has received a copy of a revised Staff Support Handbook. John Sylvester went over changes. Motion to approve revised handbook as presented but give the Staff Support Committee the authority to revise paid time off section and item #6- hours of compensation. Carried
- D. Council Resignation: Bethany Valentini has submitted her resignation from council. Motion to accept Bethany’s resignation S/C. Nancy Timm volunteered to take Bethany’s council rep position on the cemetery committee.
- E. Food Shelf Drop-Off: The Food Shelf would like to have use of the parking lot July- October. Proof of insurance is on file. Motion to approve use of the parking lot for food shelf. S/C

11. Other: Looking for more greeters and readers - please sign up

12. Good of The Order- Synod Assembly is on June 11, 12. Members attending are David Winterfeldt, Jim Stenson, Dawn Wenner, and Mary Spear

13. Lord's Prayer

14. Adjourned at 8:43 pm

Next meeting will be on June 15, 2021 in the Dining Room at 6:30 pm