

**First Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

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

Members present: Pastor Chris Culuris, Michelle Doose, Steve Erickson, Randy Frey-Hawkins, Dave Kennedy, Garrett Paul, Pat Pehrson, Mary Spear, Randy Stuckey, Grace Timm, Nancy Timm, Tobias Twait, Dawn Wenner, Aaron Banks. Sarah Chambers, Ruth Johnson

**Guest:** Julie Johnson

**Members absent:**

1. Call to Order: Council President, Mary Spear at 6:30 p.m.
2. Devotions: Randy Frey-Hawkins
3. Approval of the agenda: M/S/C
4. Approval of the February 21, 2023 Minutes: M/S/C
5. Pastor's Report for January: Pastor Chris Culuris  
Hospital Visits: 0  
Nursing Home Visits: 8  
Assisted Living/Home/Office/Other Visits: 13  
Finished Making Sense of Luther video series: April 2  
Staff Support: April 4  
FLC Vandalized April 4-5? Called SPPD morning of April 5  
Maundy Thursday service: April 6  
Good Friday service: April 7  
Easter Vigil service: April 8  
Cemetery Committee: April 11  
Executive Committee: April 11  
Building and Grounds: April 11  
Youth Group at FLC: April 12  
Finance: April 13  
Stewardship: April 13  
Funds Management: April 13  
CCM via Zoom: April 14  
Youth Lock-In at FLC: April 14  
Minnesota Valley Conference meeting at Bernadotte L.C.: April 18  
Worship and Arts: April 19  
Lifelong Learning: April 23  
Cont. Ed: Renew Retreat with Church Anew in Eden Prairie: April 23-24  
Last Confirmation Class for 2022-2023: April 26  
Dave Pehrson and Karen Smithers to research which company services the sanctuary roof to see if drains are plugged after water leakage on May 14 th.
6. President's Report: Mary Spear  
Mary thanked all of us for sharing our valuable time as a council member. She said she is grateful for each and everyone of you. She has been involved in the strategic planning process. Steve, Dave, Aaron, Grace, have been very involved. Mary stated that committees need to read the strategic plan and have conversations every month.
7. Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Pettis

- ❖ We had another good month in April with income above budget by \$17,500 and our expenses \$2,200 higher than planned. We realized slightly higher heating costs so hopefully now that it's warmed up we will see this come back in-line for the summer.
- ❖ On a year-to-date basis we are just under \$49,000 favorable to our 2023 budget. Overall the year is going very well!

#### 8. Committee liaisons

- There were no important business to vote on from committees this month.
  - a. Randy Frey-Hawkins: Finance
  - b. Randy Stuckey: Stewardship
  - c. Nancy Timm: Fellowship/Altar Guild
  - d. Mary Spear: Social Justice
    - updated Charter- M/C
  - e. Grace Timm: Lifelong Learning
  - f. Dawn Wenner: Cemetery
  - g. Michelle Doose: Staff Support
  - h. Steve Erickson: Building & Grounds
  - i. Dave Kennedy: Lifelong Learning
  - j. Randy Frey-Hawkins: Congregation & Community Ministry
  - k. Sarah Chambers: Worship and Arts
  - l. Julie Johnson: Greens
  - m. Aaron Banks: Tech
  - n. Strategic Planning Task Force

#### 9. Unfinished Business

##### a. **Safety and security lockdown update**

Dawn Wenner reported that it will take time to put a plan in place. She will talk to other congregations in the St Peter area to see where they are at with security and to work with them to have a similar plan.

##### b. **Exterior security**

Stever Erickson reported that he is working with John Smithers on cameras and lighting inside and outside of the church.

c. The final payment for the organ repair has been paid.

d. A letter of thank you to the church for our mission support.

#### 10. New Business

a. Ruth Johnson explained to the council she needed to resign and to nominate Julie Johnson for the remaining year and to serve on the Green committee. M/S/C

b. Mary and the council thanked Ruth Johnson for her service.

##### c. **Stewardship initiative**

- Pastor Chris reported that the Generosity Project would take place during worship; it would be 6 sessions. The Ruth Larson endowment would help with the project.

#### 11. Strategic Plan Framework 2023-2028

a. Mission banner was presented by Mary Spear. Council agreed on the number 5 banner.

- b. Action Plan Team for “ Engaging and Collaborating with the Community” Strategic priority update. Mary presented ideas to connect with the community. Ideas were affordable housing for the green space and to work with Wells Fargo. Mary also added that if you would like to join the committee you are welcome.
- c. On May 28th committee will finalize goal discussion

11. Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. M/S/C

12. Lord’s Prayer

Next Church Council meeting will be held on June 20 , 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for June: Michelle Doose

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Pehrson

FLC Church Council Secretary