

**First Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

“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, John Sylvester, Cindy Nadeau, Nancy Timm, Michelle Twait, Michelle Doose, Mary Spear, Rachel Szybinski, Steve Erickson

**Members Absent:** Raina Roehmildt, Kim Bovee, David Marlow, Harry Hunt, Mary Thompson

**1. Call to Order:** Bill Kautt at 6:35

**2. Devotions:** Nancy Timm

**3. Approval of the Agenda:** Move approval of Rachel Szybinski to top of agenda. M/S/C with change.

**4. Approval of Rachel Szybinski as council replacement: M/S/C**

**5. Approval of May 18, 2021 Council Minutes: M/S/C**

**6. Pastor’s Report: Pastor Bill Nelsen**

**- Behind the Scenes:**

Benedictine, Sand Prairie, Prairie Hill services

Gathering at GAC for pastors from MN Valley Conference

Fourth of July parade

Sent out thank you’s

Committal service on July 5th for Robert Peterson

Angela coming on to staff as office coordinator

Sent thank you’s to all who covered in the office between office coordinators!

Gave opening and closing prayer for Eagle Scout Ceremony for Tyler Erickson

Worked on updating prayer lists with Betsy Paul, Shirb Sylevester and Mary Spear

Worship services- continue three options, online, Sunday morning, Monday evening.

**7. President’s Report: Bill Kautt**

- New office coordinator, there for you and your committees- be patient with her as she learns this new job!

- Participated in Fourth of July parade

- Call from alarm company at church. Leak in roof, pouring into kitchen. Dave came in and checked things out. Schwickert was called and fixed problem.

**8. Treasurer’s Report:**

See copy of Stem to Stern

Ahead of our projections through June- about 30,000

Many people have prepaid offering

**9. Informational Reports**

A. Technology Task Force Update: Meeting on July 27 to discuss possibility of getting fiber into building before September. Significant amount of work is being done in St. Peter by MetroNet.

B. Call Committee Update: Committee chose two candidates for second on site interview. One withdrew. Other candidate was interviewed and committee was pleased.

Many candidates were looked at and committee feels good about the number. Committee will meet on Friday to decide what the next steps are. May need a special council meeting soon. Pay for pastor will most likely be more than what we have been paying our intern and former pastor.

- C. Kwik Trip Card Program: Beginning to sell cards at this point. Church buys discounted cards and sells at face value. Council approved to use funds already raised to purchase banners and t-shirts used in the Fourth of July parade. Banners will be used many times.

#### **10. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Council Replacement: Rachel Szybinski approval. See above
- B. Items That Need Council Approval:  
Council Member Duties and Responsibilities Document: Most of document came from constitution, but language doesn't need to stay the same. This will be part of what new council members receive as they begin their terms. Council expected to come prepared to understand agenda and committee reports, and ask educated questions.

#### **11. New Business:**

- A. Stewardship Program: In the works. Bob Stenson has outlined what this church has done regarding stewardship, thinking about a series of meetings to be held, perhaps including the new pastor. Stewardship and Funds Management looking at an idea of a FLC Legacy Society. How members can include the church in their legacy requests.
- B. Little Free Library : We have an offer from someone who would fund having a little free library at church. Building and Grounds and Inreach/Outreach have approved. Bring a book, take a book- no fees. Who will check on this and keep it up? Voted and carried.
- C. Air Conditioning Fix: Maintenance budget is close to being spent. About 950.00 would be needed to make changes and fixes on air conditioner. Building and Grounds feels it would be good to make permanent fix now rather than do something temporary that may cause an air compressor to burn out. If we maintain properly, we may be able to extend life of air conditioner. Voted and Carried
- D. Outreach/Inreach Committee Name Change: Proposal to change the name of this committee to Congregation and Community Ministry Committee. This fits more closely with the mission of the committee and the confusion about what we do. We don't have  $\frac{2}{3}$  of membership here, maybe can be added to special meeting agenda.

- 12. Other:** Information- The Lifelong Learning Committee is looking at options for education programming. A survey was sent out to families to get feedback on holding all education classes on Wednesday nights. Once information is collected, the LLC will bring any proposed schedule changes to the council for approval.

-Need for new technology by September 1st so that online work and in person worship can be continued. Council will have to approve both types of services to continue. Quality of online worship will be compromised if new technology is not in place and we want to continue quality services. Emily has been working with technology- something needs to come off her plate. It takes a lot of work to do services as we have done during the pandemic. Will cost money.

#### **12. Good of The Order**

#### **13. Lord's Prayer**

**14. Adjourned at 8:07**

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