

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes – August 12, 2013

Members Present: Dewey Keith, Mike Luvera, Beverly Gruber, Neil Caulkins, Doug Fessler, Brett Koss, Patty Akers **Members Absent:** Erik Hurson, Leslie Swan, Debbie Buttler, Dave Stambaugh, Nancy Budner **Non-Council Members Present:** Carla Bergman

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Secretary, Patty Akers. President, Brett was on duty that evening and was only able to attend part of the meeting and Vice-President, Doug Fessler, had just returned to town after being away.

Devotions given by Beverly Gruber.

Treasurer's Report: Profit & Loss Report for January through July was reviewed, showing net income of \$3071.62. Also council was given a brief report of FLC standing committees; Memorial Committee, Bereavement Committee, Relief Committee and Thrivent Committee, which are separate from ministries. Council decided they would like a written report from each committee in order to know more about how each committee functions and what their guidelines are. Carla will submit the report for Thrivent. Brett will approach each committee with the request.

Old Business:

Sept. 8, 2013 is the 25th anniversary of the ELCA and the theme is "God's Work: Our Hands" Celebration should be ongoing until Christmas. Outreach Ministry is developing several ideas for this. Each ministry is encouraged to do one thing. FLC will plan on Sept. 7 for our next time to serve at the FISH Food Bank to coincide with the anniversary.

Sidewalk Repair: Scheduled to start right after Labor Day.

Staff and Ministry Reports:

Pastor Dennis:

- Pastor Dennis was away on vacation, but he left his written report. Pastor Ginny Krekling preached Aug. 4 & 11 and Pastor Mary Johnson preached Aug. 18 & 25.
- He expressed his thanks for the wonderful potluck/party on July 21 and the kindness and generosity of everyone who recognized the Hickman's 10 years at First Lutheran.
- Thursday (9 am) Bible Study continues through the summer. Frank Swanson will lead while Pastor Dennis is on vacation.
- Every Other Tuesday Men's Luncheon continues through the summer at Rodeo City BBQ at 11:45 a.m. Dates for the remainder of the summer are 8/6, 8/20, 9/3 and 9/17.

Congregational Life: Plans are being made for an Oktoberfest potluck after worship the first Sunday in October. Also planning for a possible Reformation Dinner & Movie.

Education: Ministry is meeting Aug. 19.

Outreach: Sept. 8 emphasis. Still working on updating pictorial directory. Response initially was not as good as anticipated, so will continue to work on this.

Property Management: Cost of carpet cleaning is \$1000.00, which is paid for by the preschool, facility use fees and Thrivent. Carla requested that the council consider whether all or part of this expense might become a future budgeted line item. Council will address this at a future meeting. Air from the fan over the organ was also mentioned, with the possibility of redirecting or reversing the direction of the fan.

Stewardship: A redesigned Time & Talent Sheet sample form was distributed, with a request for comments, in preparation for the upcoming Stewardship activities. There was discussion about how to conduct a ministry orientation and how it would be good for each ministry to present their upcoming projects to the congregation.

Worship and Music: No report.

Youth: No report.

Devotions for September 9 council meeting will be given by Nancy Budner.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.