

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 13, 2013

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

Meeting called to order by President, Brett Koss and he also gave devotions.

Mike and Ginny Krekling presented information to council from the synod assembly they attended with Pastor Dennis in Boise on April 19-21. The theme of the Assembly was "The Spirit Powers Us" and each summarized their experience, and the various workshops they attended. They shared with council some of their personal faith history and interest in offering their talents to help First Lutheran. Ginny has agreed to help with developing a college ministry at FLC.

April minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Budget Report was reviewed by council. Net income for April was \$1738.86.

Old Business:

- Brett collected the completed performance evaluations council members returned for Pastor Dennis' annual evaluation. Brett asked those who haven't completed them to please do so and turn them in to him personally at church on Sunday, or they can be mailed to the church, Attn: Brett Koss.
- Council still needs to make recommendation for 5 Advocacy Actions for FLC to adopt as an Advocating Congregation for the Faith Action Network. There is a form to fill out and return to the FAN. Council will address this topic again at the June meeting.
- There was discussion on the needs of the Ulango Kilombero Diocese, based on discussions with the representatives from Tanzania at the potluck dinner with them. They still have strong needs for a roof for the dining hall and money for scholarships for students to attend the school. A check for the \$2000.00 already designated by FLC, will be paid to the regional office for distribution. The discussion concerned using more funds from the unexpected loan repayment by Grace Mattawa to help the school in Tanzania. Council requests more clarification on funds allocation and availability from Edna Madsen before making decision.

New Business:

- Sidewalk Repair – Recommended by South Property Manager, Glen Madsen, due to deteriorating condition of sections of the sidewalks. Estimate for cost of repairs has been received from the City of Ellensburg. It is possible to contract for it now, at today's price and spread out repairs over three year period. Subject tabled until the June meeting and council has a clear understanding of available funds.

Staff and Ministry Reports

Pastor Dennis: See report. Included in report:

- Last Lutherhaven night will be May 14. Lutherhaven is discontinuing this program, because their grant ran out, and it will not be available for next year.
- Joe Johnson has agreed to step into the Youth Director role for the summer, as his schedule allows and when Jonathon is unavailable with his summer schedule.
- Three people helped with spring clean-up on April 20 and Pastor Dennis cleaned up leaves and mowed the lawn on April 22.
- Thank you to those who helped at FISH food bank on May 11. Next date is June, starting at 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday Bible Study and Prayer Group meet at 9:00 a.m. and continues year round.
- High School Blessing, Sunday June 2. Robert Barnhart, Ethan Johnson, Engaisi Peter, Megan Burfeind, Carly Quirk and Sam Young are our graduates. They will receive quilts lovingly made by our quilting ladies.
- Sprinklers run on Mon., Tue., Thurs., and Sat. nights.
- Pastor Dennis is planning vacation July 29-Aug. 25. Pastor Ginny Krekling will preach on Aug. 4 & 11 and Pastor Mary Johnson will preach Aug. 18 & 25.

Outreach: Sunday, May 19, will be the offering of letters for Bread for the World. Ministry members are reading book "Exodus from Hunger" for book study. Shane Clayborn will be speaking in Yakima on May 18-19. FLC sponsors 66 Compassion children. Discussed possibility of making a new church directory, using current technology to make it easier to obtain, assemble and have available.

Stewardship: Time & Talent form is being revised. Discussions have included adding form to FLC website. Ministry is also learning about websites for online sign up opportunities, such as info@signupgenius.com.

Property Management: New dishwasher has been installed in main kitchen. Cost was \$3133.97. Carla will post instructions on how to use correctly. Mike is getting another bid on replacing the air conditioner unit in the sanctuary.

Congregational Life: Will provide a cake for Senior Blessing June 2. A potluck lunch is planned for Sunday, July 28 after worship, to celebrate Pastor Dennis' 10 year anniversary at First Lutheran. They are also planning on ways to invite and include more people from the congregation at the annual VBS potluck dinner at West Ellensburg Park, the last evening of VBS.

Education: Preschool Art show was May 7. VBS will be held June 23-27. Red Cross Blood Drive will be at FLC on July 15 and October 15. Carla updated the Seeds of the Parris publication with the names of the new council members.

Youth: Approximately 155 attended the Easter breakfast. Joe has begun making plans for the summer, including a BBQ, a hike to Boulder Cave and a bible study. There are currently 3 youth registered for Lutherhaven. FLC is able to give \$150.00 camperships to those attending Lutherhaven this summer. So hopefully more young people will be able to benefit from this assistance and enjoy the amazing experience Lutherhaven offers.

Doug Fessler will give devotions at the council meeting on June 10.

Meeting closed with prayer.

