

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
June 11, 2012

Members Present: Charlene Watterson, Debbie Butler, Dewey Keith, Jim Ayers, Sue Ayers, Bev Gruber, Doug Fessler, Tim Hurson, Brett Koss, Mike Luvera, Patty Akers, Alice Wanless

Members Absent: None

Non-members present: Pastor Dennis, Carla Bergman

Devotions given by Jim Ayers

Correction made to May 14, 2012 council meeting minutes. Services for Shirley Fischer were held on May 17, 2012. Moved and seconded to approve minutes as corrected.

Budget Review – Net loss Jan. 2012-May 2012 of approximately \$50.00. Discussion of General Fund Budget Accounts versus Special Fund Accounts and how to track income and expenditures of Special Fund balances. Carla explained the purchase order form and procedure. Future monthly financial reports to council are to include the Balance Sheet, with each line item detailing beginning balance, YTD totals, and monthly difference. It was moved and seconded to track Fund items as well as Budget items. It was determined that checks require 2 signatures as a cross check on budget line item or fund expenditure. Persons authorized to sign checks are Min Mesek, Edna Madsen, Carla Bergman and Executive Council members, Brett Koss, Jim Ayers and Patty Akers. They will need to sign signature cards at the bank.

Old Business

Outreach Ministry Vacancy – It was moved and seconded to approve Doug Fessler to church council to fill the vacancy left with the passing of Shirley Fischer. Doug graciously agreed to serve the remainder of the term, through January 2014. The motion passed.

New Business

Discussion of the importance of not giving the wrong impression, where there might be a question about propriety of “church sanctioned events”.

Pastor evaluation forms were distributed. Council members asked to fill out and return to Brett.

Staff and Ministry Reports

Pastor Dennis – Full report was given to council. In summary:

- Pastor Dennis will be attending PLU’s Theological Conference June 18-20 on “Spiritual Formation in the Home”.
- Vacation - July 18-Aug. 14. Preaching each Sunday will be: July 22- Joe Johnson, July 29- Mary Johnson, Aug. 5 - Mary Johnson, Aug. 12 - Heavenly Harps
- Service in the Streets is on July 15 at 10:00 a.m. on 6th Ave. It is FLC’s turn to provide refreshments.
- Annual staff evaluations are under way.

- Help is needed with the summer lunch program for kids at Kiwanis Park, June 25-29, 11:30-1:00. FISH food bank provided the lunch. We help serve the food.

- Matthew Erickson, Pat Erickson's grandson, will be ordained at FLC on Saturday, Aug. 11th. Bishop Martin Wells will be here along with other pastors and friends of Matthew. The congregation is invited.

Worship – No report

Property Management – No report

Outreach – No report

Congregational Life –Cost of cakes is increasing. In future, will check into funding through the FLC Women's group or Thrivent.

Education – Preschool is full for next school year with two "maybes". VBS is main focus this month. No regular summer nursery attendant. Will fill as needed with congregational member volunteers and assess need to fill position for the fall. Important to either have someone who has had a background check, or is being supervised by someone who has had one.

Youth – No report. On 6/10/12 a group from First Lutheran went to a Mariners game.

Stewardship – Researching resources on the ELCA website for ways to incorporate stewardship lessons into all aspects of church life on a more regular basis.

Brett stressed importance of monthly ministry meetings and reminded everyone of material given to council by Pastor Dennis, with suggestions for ministry building.

Next meeting will be July 9, 2012.

Devotions – Patty Akers

Meeting adjourned.