

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 11, 2013

Members Present: Patty Akers, Neil Caulkins, Bev Gruber, Doug Fessler, Erik Hurson, Dave Stambaugh, Nancy Budner, Lesley Swan. **Non-members present:** Pastor Dennis, Carla Bergman. **Members Absent:** Debbie Butler, Dewey Keith, Mike Luvera, Brett Koss

Devotions given by Patty Akers. Minutes from the January 14, 2013 council meeting were approved.

2013 Officers: Moved and second to accept the nomination of the following officers for 2013. Brett Koss – President; Doug Fessler – Vice President; Patty Akers – Secretary.

Designation of Lenten Offerings:

Dave proposed designating Hope University, a local Hope Source organization that helps people become independent, through teaching life skills. Motion, second and approved to donate offerings to Hope University.

2013 Ministry Selections: Members chose the ministries they will serve on as follows:

- Worship and Music – Erik Hurson and Nancy Budner
- Stewardship – Patty Akers
- Education - Neil Caulkins and Dewey Keith
- Congregational Life – Bev Gruber
- Property – Mike Luvera
- Outreach – Doug Fessler and Dave Stambaugh
- Youth – Debbie Butler and Lesley Swan

Soup n Bread Suppers Wednesday Nights during Lent: Each ministry signed up for a night:

- February 20th – Music and Worship
- February 27 – Stewardship/ Property
- March 6 – Outreach
- March 13 – Education/Youth
- March 20 – Congregational Life

January 2013 Budget Review:

- It was noticed that the Net Income line was very significantly less than last month's balance. Pastor Dennis will check into the reason for this.

Pastor's Report: See attached report. Included in report:

- Thank you to those who attended church council retreat February 9.
- Thank you to those who cooked at FISH February 9. Next FLC day at FISH is March 16th.
- No Lutherhaven night on February 12th, in lieu of the weekend retreat at Lazy F, February 15-17.
- Purchase of dishwasher moved, seconded and approved. Additional expenses will likely include \$1000 for plumbing and electrical, so total cost will be ~\$3849. Thank you to all who have helped to make this happen.
- Discussed hiring Jonathan as the youth director. Pastor Dennis will follow up with this.

- Pastor Dale Larsen of Grace Lutheran in Mattawa has informed us that they will be paying off their long-standing loan (over \$10,000), in preparation for building a new wing on their church.
- Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$842, to which Thrivent matched \$200. This was donated to the Food Bank.

Ministry Reports:

- Education (Carla) – hoping to reorganize the library
- Congregation Life (Bev) – Continuing to send out cards, but there is a lot to do this coming year. Need more people to help with this committee.
- Music (Nancy) – Suggestion was made to have someone read along with the psalm when it is sung, for the benefit of those who listen to the radio broadcast. Suggestion was made to get more people involved in playing music before and during the service (e.g., solos).
- Stewardship (Patty) – Results of 2012 Time and Talents survey were handed out.
- Youth (Pastor Dennis) – Primary upcoming events include the retreat Feb. 15-17 and Easter breakfast March 31.
- Outreach (Doug) – Doug proposed that the FLC join the Faith Action Network, an ELCA-based organization, similar to Bread for the World, but has more of a state focus. Outreach has voted to become a member and there is no fee to join. Motioned, seconded and approved to join Faith Action Network.

Task for next council meeting to be 2013 Goal Setting.

Next ministry meetings will take place Sunday, March 10th after worship in the fellowship hall. It was suggested that perhaps meetings can occur on the perimeter of the hall or move to a back room to facilitate better hearing/communication during the meetings.

March devotions to be given by Patty. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Lesley Swan.