

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 15, 2022 Draft

The meeting was called to order by President Ari at 12:00 PM.

Council members present were Ari, Cindy, Jennifer, Gretchen, Jan and Kevin

Pastor led devotion with a prayer for leadership within our council.

Gretchen motioned to approve the agenda, Kevin second, motion carried.

Jennifer motioned to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting minutes. Gretchen second, motion carried.

Jan motioned to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes. Jennifer second, motion carried.

Staff Report: We had 8 Confirmands this year. We received a Thank You from the NA group that uses our board meetings. They also donated \$100.00. The NA group asked if we could supply a smoking pedestal for outside. Kevin on property will look into the purchasing of one.

Pastor is working on a shared job description for Ardyce and Juanita.

McKenzie County Healthcare also sent us a Thank You for our donation to the Chapel project.

Parish Report: The meeting was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Garden and Banks still have some construction to finish. First's Bell Tower project will be starting soon. A decision whether we sell or renovate the old Parsonage has not been decided. Parish incorporation was discussed. There will be further discussion on this subject later. Pastoral compensation was discussed and decided for the upcoming Pastor. A budget was set for the Call Committee of \$10,000.00. Church times have been changed to the summer hours with First at 11:00 AM. The next meeting will be held on June 1 at 6:30 at Banks Lutheran Church.

WELCA: 82 quilts and 47 personal care packages were sent to the Ukraine. Banners were discussed. The Women's Synodical Convention will be in Dickinson June 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Val will be attending. The confirmation reception was held May 8<sup>th</sup>. Youth and Education provided the cake and corsages. The Table Party will be held May 15<sup>th</sup>. Senior Recognition is May 22. WELCA will provide cake. VBS will be held at Banks and Garden Churches. WELCA will be providing snacks.

**Executive Committee:** NA

**Finance:** Gretchen stated that we paid a full year's of insurance which may have off balanced the budget sheet. Also, offerings were lower due to no services held during the Lent and Easter season snow storms. Gretchen will visit with Vicky Karpyak on completing an internal audit for First Lutheran and Area Parish. We will go back 5 years. She will also discuss compensation with Vicky. Cindy motioned to approve the finance report. Kevin second, motion carried.

**Property:** Inspection of the newly purchased Parsonage has passed. The purchase agreement has been drawn up and submitted to the Title Company. As of today, the title opinions are back. Kanyon Tschetter will be maintaining the lawn this year at all 3 properties. Bell Tower project is supposed to be complete by June 30<sup>th</sup>. WCHS will have their workday at the church on May 19<sup>th</sup> with David Berg and Glen supervising. Ann and Laura will plant flowers in front of the church.

**Worship:** The last meeting was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> with several of the Area Parish members attending. It was beneficial to have them voice their opinions on worship issues. Announcements will be shortened at the beginning of worship. New worship hours for Banks/Garden are 9:00 on Memorial Weekend, and 11:00 at First. Coffee at First is before the service.

**Stewardship and Evangelism:** May Day baskets were passed out to the children attending service on May 1. The Sunday School youth passed baskets out to Hillside Court, the Horizon and Good Shepherd Home. They put smiles on many faces. Our first Table Party will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone that would like to decorate at table and invite guests for a fun evening. Our next meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Teddy's Lounge at 5:00 PM.

**Youth and Education:** VBS is being hosted by Garden/Banks. Cassie Haak is coordinator. Kari has ordered the curriculum. Pictures will be taken of the confirmands and displayed on the picture board. Sunday School is over till fall. Discussion was held on creating committee binders to help new committee members of events and the scheduling which should aid in the miscommunications. Also, confirmation is moving forward for the new class this fall. The committee is looking for ideas to get the confirmands and families involved. A new Sunday School idea would be to have it on Wednesday evening instead of Sundays. These are all great ideas in the planning stage.

**Old Business:**

Ari advised the Council that his law firm had prepared a title opinion for North Dakota Guaranty & Title in relation to the new parsonage purchase.

The renovation project for the old parsonage is on hold waiting for a bid from Steve Sanford.

Juanita Prada Sellers has been hired as the temporary Family Coordinator and office assistant.

Jennifer is working with Jeremiah to get more access on Tithely. Juanita will be assisting in getting all the information into the app.

**New Business:**

Pick up the Patch is the week of May 22 – May 28<sup>th</sup>. Gretchen graciously offered to buy pizza and beverages at Stonehome after we are done picking. Our spot will be from the Tourism Center/Kum and Go to the street that goes south to Reservation Telephone. We chose May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM to pick. Cindy will get gloves, bags and vests.

There were 2 comment cards, 1. To have coffee hour before the 11:00 summer service; 2. To leave the flags up at the altar. Both are good comments and will do so with both.

Area Parish was discussed. We have a couple options; to form a corporate association with an agreement with all 3 churches or to have a contractual agreement with no corporation. Ideas discussed were breaking up the parish, leaving it as is, or reforming the association. Ari will discuss this at Area Parish to see what the thoughts are of the other council members. This process was started 2 years ago but was never completed. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next Area Parish meeting if anyone would like to attend. It will be at Banks Lutheran Church. We need to explore all options and chose one that fits all 3 churches best.

Our next council meeting will be Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM at the church.

Jan motioned to adjourn, Gretchen second, motion carried.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Geiger, Secretary