

Watford City Area Lutheran Parish Board

Minutes of regular meeting, October 19, 2022 at Garden Lutheran Church

- Members of Garden Lutheran Church provided coffee, doughnuts, and banana bread for attendees
- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Matthew Rolfson
- Present:
 - Matthew Rolfson, President
 - Rex Korslien, Vice President
 - Ari Johnson, Secretary
 - Jennifer Sorenson
 - Zane Frick
 - Randie Auen
 - Pastor Paul Balaban
 - Parish Treasurer Ardyce Alveshere
 - Numerous guests from the parish congregations
- Absent:
 - None
- Pastor Paul led a devotional prayer based on 1 Corinthians: Focus on what brings us together: Christ.
- Minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting were discussed. Jennifer moved to approve the minutes, Rex seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- The financial report was discussed. The Juanita Portico and Matthew expense reimbursements from First Lutheran were discussed. With those corrections, Rex moved to approve the financial report, Zane seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- The pastor expense reports were discussed and consensus reached on items to approve for the September report.
- Rex reported that the congregation of Banks had voted to leave the parish. Ari moved to recognize April 19, 2023, as the last day of Banks' membership in the parish, Jennifer seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Average attendance of the three congregations was discussed to get a baseline for division of financial responsibility to the parish. The estimated average attendance was 65 for First, 25 for Banks, and 10 for Garden.
- Ari moved that the financial responsibility for the 2023 parish budget be divided 65% to First, 25% to Banks, and 10% to Garden for January 31, 2023, through April 19, 2023, Zane seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Ari moved that the financial responsibility for the 2023 parish budget be divided 87% to First and 13% to Banks for April 20, 2023, through January 30, 2024, Randie seconded, motion carried unanimously with Rex and Zane abstaining.
- The budget for 2023 was discussed and consensus reached on each item. Ari moved to propose the budget according to the consensus, Jennifer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- Jennifer moved to recommend that the parish Portico medical coverage be set at the “Gold Plus” level, Randie seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- The next meeting was set for November 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Banks.
- Old business:
 - The issue of making the Family Coordinator position a parish employee was tabled.
 - Matthew resigned as Garden President. Linda Berquist is his successor and will replace Matthew on the parish board. Ari moved that Rex be recognized as the successor president of the parish board, Randie seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - Ari moved that joint services be held at First on December 25 at 11:00 and at Banks on January 1 at 9:00, Zane seconded, motion carried.
 - The following joint services are scheduled:
 - October 23 at 9:00 at Garden
 - December 25 at 11:00 at First
 - January 1 at Banks at 9:00
 - Zane moved to accept the worship committee recommendations for Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 at Banks, 6:00 at First, and 8:00 at First, Jennifer seconded, motion carried unanimously.
 - The question of incorporating the parish was tabled.
 - Matthew reported that Joy Patten had sent her regards from the call committee.
 - The determination of financial obligations of each congregation was resolved earlier in the meeting.
- There being no further business, Ari moved to adjourn the meeting, Zane seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.