

Watford City Area Lutheran Parish Board
Minutes of regular meeting, November 30, 2022 at Banks Lutheran Church

- Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Acting President Ari Johnson
- Present:
 - Ari Johnson, Secretary (Acting President)
 - Zane Frick
 - Linda Berquist
 - Cindy Geiger (proxy for Jennifer Sorenson)
 - Pastor Paul Balaban
 - Parish Treasurer Ardyce Alveshere
- Absent:
 - Rex Korslien, President
 - Randie Auen
- Linda moved to approve the agenda, Cindy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Zane moved to approve the October 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes, Linda seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Pastor Paul reported that his vacation went well and everything went well with parish members filling in while he was gone.
- Ardyce reported that all is well.
- The financial reports were discussed. Ardyce reported that the single reimbursement from First covered the second parsonage utilities and Juanita's and Matthew's benefits. Zane moved to accept the financial reports, Cindy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Pastor Paul's expense reimbursement report was discussed and consensus reached. Cindy moved to approve the parish expense items, Linda seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Ardyce reported that two additional expenses had arisen. There was a \$200 honorarium for Operation Christmas Child and a \$200 gift card for Kris Kubal in thanks for pulling the Parade of Lights float. Zane moved to approve these, Linda seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- A discussion was held regarding the date that Banks and Garden would terminate their membership in the parish. First had agreed to accept any date that the parish board chose. Banks and Garden had agreed to a date of January 30, 2023, or any later date that the parish board chose. Cindy moved to set January 31, 2023, as the last date that Banks and Garden would be members of the parish and February 1, 2023, as the first date they would not be, Zane seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- The question of the parish's future with all remaining members other than
First terminating their membership was discussed. Zane moved that the parish recognize that it will cease to exist on February 1, 2023, subject to all three members fulfilling their financial obligations and winding up the parish's affairs, Cindy seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Cindy moved to disband the call committee and thank its members for their work, Linda seconded, and after some discussion about how the individual congregations may proceed with their own call committees, the motion carried unanimously.
- Ardyce presented a list of the parish's bank accounts including a certificate of deposit and its financial obligations. She will provide additional information such as whether the parish or one congregation is named in the written contracts, when they expire, and other things necessary for the parish to wind up its affairs. This will be handled at the next meeting.
- Ari suggested that one way to handle winding up the parish would be for
First to assume the liabilities and, to the extent they are the parish's responsibility, request reimbursement from Banks and Garden. This will be handled at the next meeting.
- The next meeting date was set for January 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Watford City.
- Cindy moved to adjourn, Linda seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- The Lord's Prayer was recited.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.