

## First Lutheran Community Church August 17 Meeting Minutes Final

Attendees: Sharon Bacon (President)      Jeff Robinson (Vice President)  
Ryan Sjoberg (Secretary)      Fred Seidel (Treasurer)  
Tom McLean      Diane Aldinger  
Steve Atkinson      Casey Nelson  
Andrew Wilmarth      Malcolm Collie  
Scott McDougall      Doug Jones

Absentees: Paul Gaudette (CBA)      Michelle Sharp  
Pastor Adrian Bonaro

Guests: Diana Gromling

1. CALL TO ORDER (President) 6:58 PM.
2. OPENING DEVOTIONS (President)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 20 JULY MEETING DRAFT 2 (President).

**Ryan motioned we approve Draft 2 minutes, as amended, from 20 July meeting. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### 4. REPORTS

#### 1) President's Report

- a. Sharon continued to hold meetings with the staff.
- b. The council reviewed the final version of the emergency contact form that is planned to be distributed to members of the congregation. September is planned as the kickoff for the form since many people will be back from vacations.
- c. Pastor is out. But he left some new members for us to vote on. The Brozovic family: Brian, Jennifer, Hannah and Brodhi. In addition, Gillian Prince.

**Jeff motioned we accept the new members. Malcolm seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

- d. Met with Kaitlyn, or music director. She requested feedback from the council on the music program. The council felt while the music is always good, there seemed to be a slight imbalance between traditional and contemporary music.
- e. This led into a discussion around the service times. There were positives and negatives discussed about both options. Council decided to wait until Adiran returned in order to learn more about the feedback he had received.
- f. Sharon met with Corrinne. They got connected with Cisco Valex from the Church of Christ, and he requested a shed. He is directly working with someone who is ready for transitional housing, and has a location for the structure. Diane provided

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some background on Cisco. He is very active with the homeless in our community; in particular he works to feed them. Our community and social justice committee has met with Cisco before as well and vouched for his credibility. Council discussed if it was ok to provide the shed. It is just a shed in its current state. What Cisco does with it, while we believe will be to help the homeless, is ultimately up to him. We should not maintain any responsibility once the shed is donated.

**Jeff motioned that, pending Pastor's approval, the council approves gifting a shed to Cisco Vales for his use. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### 2) Pastor's Report:

- a. Pastor is out.

### 3) Treasurer's Report

- a. **FLCC General Accounts:** As in previous months our church's financial position continues to be stable. July general giving was \$27,388 compared to the June total of \$26,399 (July 2022 was \$26,208). Envelope giving was \$16,448 and the Vanco Simply Giving was \$10,131. The loose offerings were \$809 and there were no Thrivent Choice contributions. Usage income was \$4,150. The total general fund income for July was \$31,543, and the expenses were \$29,507 for a net income of \$2,036. At month end the general checking account balance was \$43,074, and the general operations savings account was \$81,716.
- b. **Resource Coordinator Fund:** We received donations of \$20, and had expenses of \$1,148 in July, for a net loss of \$1,128. At month end \$17,561 remained in this account.
- c. **NADC - Noah's Ark Daycare:** The July profit and loss statement showed an income of \$83,712 and expenses of \$113,794. This resulted in a net loss of \$30,083. The major expense in July was for the renovation of the kitchen at over \$40,000. At month end the NADC had \$173,396 in their checking account and \$245,340 in their savings accounts for a total of \$418,736.
- d. **NAPS - Noah's Ark Preschool:** The July profit and loss statement showed an income of \$1,797 and expenses of \$3,047. This resulted in a net loss of \$1,250. The NAPS balance sheet shows that they had \$2,383 in their checking account and \$15,419 in their savings account for a total of \$17,802.
- e. **FLCCW - First Lutheran Community Church Women:** The July profit and loss statement showed an income of \$103 with no expenses. At month end they had \$2,224 in their checking account, \$1,781 in their savings account, and \$2,933 in certificates of deposit for a total of \$6,938.
- f. **Designated Funds:** The Community Aid fund had a balance of \$25,750, and the Major Maintenance fund balance was \$9,665. We used \$1,904 from this fund to pay for the replacement windows in the sanctuary. Income this month was \$2,589 and expenses were \$5,578. At month end the balance of all designated funds was \$64,226.
- g. **Other Topics:**

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- i. This month our general fund had a net income because our giving has continued to be strong, while our operating expenses were less than in June. Those expenses were \$4,700 compared to \$6,800 last month. We know that we will have some extraordinary equipment replacement and maintenance expenses before the end of the year, however Fred is hopeful that our fund raising efforts will cover the majority of these. So far we have collected \$240 for our furnace replacement, even though we have not really put much effort into our fund raising. We had talked about using the proceeds from the sale of the tiny homes for this purpose. One member of our congregation suggested that it might be better to put it in our Community Aid fund where it could directly help homeless people. Pastor Adrian has prepared an on-line bidding form and information sheet for the sale of the two tiny homes. We plan to have a test run of the process before opening it up to the members of the congregation. The on-line bidding will probably occur in September. There will be an open bidding window of about two weeks, after which the two highest bids will get the homes. We do not plan to deliver the buildings, but will have access to a specialized trailer for the owners to transport the houses to their property.
- ii. One of our designated funds is the Back Pack for Kids, with a current balance of \$46.94. This fund has been inactive for more than one year. I think that one church in our area, the First Christian Church, does still provide this support to the Port Orchard community. Fred recommends that we contact the representatives of that church's mission and make a contribution of the remaining funds in this account to them. After that he will close that fund for any future transactions.
- iii. We also have \$300.13 in the Carnival designated fund. If we don't expect to have a carnival in the near future we could also close that one. In this case we could move those funds into Community Aid. We should also have discussions about the Micah 6:8 Adult Scholarship (\$2,270) and the Music Ministry fund (\$832.03) to determine whether these no longer serve a useful purpose. This might be best at our next council meeting to give the members time to think about it.

### 4) CBA's Report:

- a. Paul is out
5. OLD BUSINESS (President): Committee reports – Stewardship group met to discuss the sale of the tiny houses and fundraising. Discussed if it be confined to just the congregation or open to the public. Concerns were raised about getting it delivered, or someone purchasing it but not picking it up timely. Using the internet to spread the word to the public may bring in more money.
  6. NEW BUSINESS (President): None.
  7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (President): Steve would like to thank the Men's Breakfast group for donating over \$300 to the Joshua 1:9 ministry.

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8. ADJOURNMENT (President):

**Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.**

**Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2023, 7:00 PM.