

First Lutheran Community Church August 18 2022 Meeting Minutes Final

Attendees: Jeff Robinson (President) Sarah Cook (Vice President)
Ryan Sjoberg (Secretary) Fred Seidel (Treasurer)
Pastor Adrian Bonaro Paul Gaudette (CBA)
Sharon Bacon Doug Jones
Scott McDougall Diane Aldinger
Suzanne Harvey Andrew Wilmarth
Michelle Sharp

Absentees: Mark Hammersberg Jake Nelson

Guests: Diana Gromling

1. CALL TO ORDER (President) 7:04 PM.
2. OPENING DEVOTIONS (Pastor)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 21 JULY MEETING DRAFT 2 (President).

Ryan motioned we approve Draft 2 minutes from 21 July Meeting. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. REPORTS

1) Presidents Report

- a. Security lights are still being worked on.
- b. Members of the executive team met with Amanda, the Director of the Daycare. It went well, and council will continue to support the Daycare in any way we can. Hoping to take some stuff off Amanda's plate so she can focus on more important things, as she is the expert.
- c. Instead of picture day, council can send in pictures to Kelly if they are not already on the wall.
- d. There will be a moment taken to express our appreciation to Jordan Hassebrock. A thank you card was passed around that will be provided, along with a gift. Jeff will take a few minutes at an upcoming service to share a few words of thanks.
- e. Family Kitchen provided a proposal to Jeff for the kitchen upgrades. The changes will be funded through a grant they received from the Rotary, and should not cost the Church anything. Jeff reviewed the proposal to make sure it didn't disrupt anything. In summary, one of the doors will be sealed off to allow the freezers to be re-arranged. That will make room for an additional freezer and some shelving. There will also be some nice cabinetry added to the fellowship hall. This would be a bit nicer since it would be visible, and able to be locked. There are multiple exits that allow for safe exit in the event of an emergency. There does not appear to be any downsides.

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Michelle motioned we allow the changes to go forward. Sarah seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2) Pastor's Report:

- a. New members have applied to the church: Elberta Mae Mengel, Deborah Ann Sharp, and Devin Alexander Sharp.

Sharon motioned we accept the new members. Sara seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- b. Last meeting Adrian proposed several subcommittees of council members that would support key areas of the church. The Health and Daycare Committee has met twice already. The other committees include the Events and Fellowship Committee with Kelly, Social Justice and Community action group with Corrinne, Stewardship, Finance and Evangelism with Fred (on the finance parts).

Council Discussed. Initially hope to keep the teams smaller, but allow the groups to determine size. Many things are relying on Adrian or Kelly to do, and there is too much for them to work through. As groups get started, they could grow. Want to have a "home" group for everyone.

- c. Outdoor worship is coming soon and will have a pizza party. After this Sunday, children's time will resume in a traditional manner, with the kids coming up. On the 18th of September, 2 services will resume. Some have expressed a desire to keep one service.
- d. Plan is still to sell the tiny houses. Despite some recent talks, no progress was actually made.
- e. Preaching series will be themed about partnering with God. Live stream will continue, working on some audio upgrades and training someone on the technology. No pushback on resumed communion, keeping it weekly rather than bi-weekly. Website has also been updated.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. **FLCC General Accounts:** Our church's financial position continues to be stable. July general giving was \$26,133 compared to the June total of \$24,064 (July 2021 was \$21,910). The Vanco Simply Giving and the loose offerings were consistent with previous months. The usage income was slightly more than in June. The total general fund income for July was \$29,185, and the expenses were \$24,971 for a net operating income of \$4,214. At month end the general checking account balance was \$37,352, and the general operations savings account was \$92,789.
- b. **Resource Coordinator Fund:** We received donations of \$20, and had expenses of \$1,061 in July, for a net loss of \$1,041. At month end there were \$16,228 in this account.
- c. **NADC - Noah's Ark Daycare:** July income was \$71,981, and expenses were \$54,009 for a net operating income of \$17,972. At month end they had total assets of \$350,909, consisting of checking and savings accounts.

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- d. **NAPS - Noah's Ark Preschool:** July income was \$2,008, and expenses were \$4,014 for a net operating loss of \$2,006. At month end they had total assets of \$34,241, consisting of checking and savings accounts.
- e. **FLCCW - First Lutheran Community Church Women:** The month's income was \$373 with no expenses, for a net income of \$373. At month end they had total assets of \$7,376, consisting of checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.
- f. **Designated Funds:** These funds continued to be mostly inactive during July. The largest of these funds are the Community Aid fund with a current balance of \$30,383, and the Major Maintenance fund with a balance of \$18,645. At month end the balance of all designated funds was \$77,902.
- g. **Other Topics:**
 - i. The August Portico bill was \$4,353 (the same as July and an increase of \$1,798 over the June bill for \$2,555). Portico provides health, disability, life and retirement benefits for Pastor Adrian and his family, as well as Deacon Marj. Pastor Adrian has made changes in his payments to reduce the amount due. We are waiting to see what that will do to our monthly bill.
 - ii. As approved by the members of the Council at our July meeting, Fred established an account for Sarah Cook to be an authorized approver for our direct deposit payroll and other electronic transactions. After she has received the orientation from the bank representatives, she will be able to approve the draft electronic payroll transactions prepared by our bookkeeper.
 - iii. The Audit committee has resumed its work after a two-year postponement necessitated by the Covid-19 virus restrictions. The last audit completed was for 2019. Annual audits of the church's financial records are an appropriate check and balance to assure the congregation that we are managing our financial resources properly, and are required by the ELCA.
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 - v. As mentioned at the last meeting, Fred reviewed our income and expenses through July. The details are shown in the projections report. The following is a summary of that information. Through July our income was \$215,561 and is projected to be \$371,886. Our budgeted amount is \$357,415 (a difference of \$14,471). Our professional services through July were \$12,094 and are projected to be \$20,733. Our budgeted amount is \$18,360 (a difference of (-) \$2373). Our salary expenses were \$143,712 and are projected to be \$246,363. Our budgeted amount is \$238,790 (a difference of (-) \$7573). Operational expenses were \$52,536 and are projected to be \$82,666. Our budgeted amount is \$71,576 (a difference of (-) \$11,090). Our ministries were \$9,771 and are projected to be \$16,750.

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Our budgeted amount is \$19,750 (a difference of \$3,000). Total projected expenses for 2022 are \$368,313 compared to the projected income of \$371,886, a difference of \$3,573.

4) CBA's Report:

- a. VBS went well. Many of the props were saved so they can be passed along to another church.
- b. Solar lights will be installed soon. The ones in the upper lot will require an electrician. The lights that will be installed on the lower lot are very bright. They are battery powered and should last plenty long enough. Some additional Ring light cameras are also going to be installed. The spotlights were about \$300 each, which included an extended warranty.
- c. Lobby carpet will get a shampoo.
- d. Michelle Sharp will fill in at the office while the staff is on vacation for a week.

6. OLD BUSINESS (President): None.
7. NEW BUSINESS (President): None.
8. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (President): None.
9. ADJOURNMENT (President)

Sarah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022, 7:00 PM.