

First Lutheran Community Church January 2023 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 Suzanne Harvey
Andrew Wilmarth Casey Nelson
Diane Aldinger Michelle Sharp
Scott McDougall

Absentees: Doug Jones Mark Hammersberg

Guests: Diana Gromling

1. CALL TO ORDER (President) 7:02 PM.
2. OPENING DEVOTIONS (Pastor)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 15 DECEMBER MEETING DRAFT 2 (President).

Ryan motioned we approve Draft 2 minutes from 15 December meeting. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. REPORTS

1) Presidents Report

- a. Mark Hammersberg has resigned from the council. Council should look into filling the position.

Sarah motioned we accept the resignation. Sharon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- b. Someone broke into the Daycare offices and robbed the safe. There were some valuables taken. The Sheriff has gotten involved and we have notified our insurance company. The thief's face was caught by our external cameras, but the inside cameras were ineffective. The cameras are already scheduled to be replaced.
- c. Family Kitchen upgrades are complete. The cabinets have been installed. Family Kitchen has expressed their thanks, especially to the many people who helped out.
- d. Annual meeting is coming up. The main topics will be approving the budget and amending the constitution. Fred will cover the budget and Ryan will cover the constitution.

2) Pastor's Report:

- a. The Bishop provided good feedback after his visit. He especially pointed out that at many churches, children and families have not returned after the pandemic, so he was pleasantly surprised to see many here.

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- b. For Lent, there will be Ephesian bible studies with guides. The devotional will focus on Grace. The Wednesday services will feature a grace theme as well, and golden friends will switch to Ephesians. Plan is to bring back the soup suppers. Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd.
- c. The tiny house project did not move forward. The shed that we built will be converted into equipment storage for Daycare. The others are scheduled to be picked up.
- d. Committee updates. Social Justice group will be networking at the Point in Time count on January 26th. The hope is to discover other groups that we could work with. The fellowship group is planning many events this month, such as a visit to a Synagogue and a line dancing class.
- e. The Synod Assembly is resuming and will be held in a few months. Two members of the congregation can go in addition to the Pastor and Deacon. Reimbursement had been included in the budget.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. **FLCC General Accounts:** Our church's financial position continues to be consistent with prior months. December general giving was \$29,186 compared to the November total of \$31,890 (December 2021 was \$23,925). Envelope giving was \$15,539 and the Vanco Simply Giving decreased slightly to \$9,686. The loose offerings were \$955. Usage income remained the same at \$3,250. The December giving included a transfer of \$2,884 from the major maintenance designated fund. The total general fund income for December was \$32,381, and the expenses were \$28,929 for a net operating income of \$3,452. At month end the general checking account balance was \$39,936, and the general operations savings account was \$93,183.
- b. **Resource Coordinator Fund:** We received donations of \$3,582, and had expenses of \$1,062 in December, for a net income of \$2,519. At month end there were \$14,584 in this account.
- c. **NADC - Noah's Ark Daycare:** December income was shown as \$77,944, and expenses were \$73,397 for a net operating income of \$4,547. At month end they had \$332,739 in their checking account and \$48,195 in their savings accounts for a total of \$380,934.
- d. **NAPS - Noah's Ark Preschool:** December income was shown as \$3,556, and expenses \$8,791 for a net operating loss of \$5,235. At month end they had \$3,483 in their checking account and \$20,414 in their savings account for a total of \$23,897.
- e. **FLCCW - First Lutheran Community Church Women:** This month's income was \$2,622 with expenses of \$3,926, for a net loss of \$1,305. They received \$2,232 from the bake sale and holiday bazaar. At month end they had \$2,138 in their checking account, \$1,780 in their savings account, and \$2,921 in certificates of deposit for a total of \$6,840.
- f. **Designated Funds:** The Community Aid fund has a current balance of \$36,601, and the Major Maintenance fund has a balance of \$19,474. Income this month was \$4,390 and expenses were \$4,949. At month end the balance of all designated funds was \$86,759.
- g. **Other Topics:**

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- i. The December Portico bill continued at \$4,353. We have not received the new rates for 2023.
- ii. Our general income for 2022 was \$359,111 compared to our expenses of \$354,012 (a difference of \$5,099).
- iii. The Resource Coordinator income was \$8,452 compared to expenses of \$13,280 (a difference of \$4,828).
- iv. Amazon is discontinuing its AmazonSmile program.

4) CBA's Report:

- a. Paul has been searching for rebates on new heating systems, but has had no luck. Our regular heating company did not offer any financing offers. The heat pump and air handler are nearly 40 weeks out and will cost around \$20,000.
- b. Interior cameras are not functioning as intended. A new system is in the works.
- c. A section of the floor was stripped down to see if that would suffice over replacing it. It didn't work, so we will still need to replace the floor.
- d. A cleaning company came to clean the floors of the Daycare, but the work was insufficient. A new company is being sought.
- e. There was a greatly increased need in the community this month, and lots of people sought help with the Community Aid Fund. Expect to see higher spend from the fund.

5) Guest Report: Diana asked about additional speed bumps – they are on the way, as well as additional lighting since the ones we installed were not sufficient yet. Due to the break-in, we will be reviewing the alarms and the related procedures. We will also look into other systems such as smart locks and rotating codes.

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

Sharon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

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

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2022, 7:00 PM.