

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Members present: Jennifer Bufkin, Terry Cotton, Jim Farrell, Sarah Sedlacek (Zoom), Pastor Keith Hohly, Carol Bunge, Sylvester Heeler, Marilyn Hunt, Cyndee Simpson, Brenda Bass, Kristy Langdon, Jim Pierce

Members absent: Debbie Taylor

Kristy L. presented devotions centered around Romans 15:13. We were encouraged to look at the dandelion plant when the seeds get blown all different directions. The Spirit has been working the past month as all things come together for Pastor Sami's visit.

November devotions to be given by Jim P.

September meeting minutes were reviewed as printed. *Sylvester H. made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Carol B. seconded. Motion carried.*

September Treasurer's report was presented by Cyndee S. Cyndee updated council that the lawn mowing bill was finally received. \$2700 was paid out in October. *Kris L. made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Sylvester H. seconded. Motion carried.*

Pastor Keith presented his report as printed.

Old Business:

--Pastor Sami Pfalzgraf's visit this weekend. Kris L. has been coordinating the weekend events. Pastor Sami will arrive Friday morning at the airport and the Pierce's will pick her up and take her to lunch. There will be a stop by the church and also a tour of the downtown area. Friday evening a group will have supper at Boudreaux's. She will be staying at The Whiskey Mansion Bed and Breakfast. On Saturday morning, weather permitting, she will go on a hike with the Farrell's and Langdon's. Lunch on Saturday will be at Felix St. Gourmet. A tour of the Missouri Theatre has been arranged. Pastor Sami would also like to go through Patee House Museum.

Saturday evening will be the dinner at church at 6pm with council members, call committee and staff members present. Jeff Langdon and Juel Pierce are cooking.

Sunday morning Pastor Sami will worship with us and then there will be a Meet and Greet following the worship. Pastor Sami will be with family in the Kansas City area from Sunday through Thursday and she will fly back to Erie, PA, on Thursday.

What is the next step following her weekend with us? Jim P. states that Synod staff person will contact her sometime during the week to ask if she is open to a call from First Lutheran. Following phone call with Pastor Sami, Synod staff will also call First Lutheran to let them know of her decision.

It was decided that Council will meet after worship on Sunday, October 24 to vote on recommendations/resolutions that would then be voted on at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2021.

--One Time Event Guidelines: Marilyn H. states that she has spoken to the custodial service regarding a cost for a one-time cleaning fee following a special event. She was told there would be a \$125 fee for such a cleaning. Marilyn also reports that she spoke to the church's insurance agent regarding the "hold harmless clause" that was discussed at the last meeting. Insurance agent is sending some written information to Marilyn. Marilyn will send out a draft copy of the guidelines once she has it written.

--Tolo Estate Gift: on hold until new pastor is in place.

New Business:

--November Council Meeting: After discussion it was decided to move the November Council meeting to November 4th rather than the 11th as originally scheduled.

--Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 14 following worship. Jim P. presented the Call Resolution and the Compensation Resolution to be voted on at this meeting if moving forward with calling Pastor Sami. There are a couple of issues to be worked out with the compensation package. These would be the only two items on the agenda. There must be a quorum present, which would be 21 people. Zoom attendance will not be an option as the Call Resolution must be completed via ballot.

--2022 Stewardship Pledge Drive: After much discussion, it was decided to utilize a general letter as was sent out last year to address pledging and stewardship for next year. Jim P. to look at letter that was sent out last year.

--Church Signage: Dave N. has been in contact with Roderick's Signs to check on the cost of updating our signage once a new pastor is in place. He was given an estimate of \$650 to update current signage. A digital sign estimate is \$12,500. Discussion regarding both of these options. *Jennifer B. made the motion to move forward with basic sign once new pastor is called. Jim F. seconded. Motion carried.*

--Request for using church: The church has received a request from someone outside the church for a wedding on December 31, 2021 at noon. Information was that there would be only about 20 people in attendance. After discussion it was decided that

administrative staff would find out more information regarding this event. Jim F. volunteered to be at the church during the event.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next Council meeting will be November 4, 2021 @ 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Bass, Secretary