

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2012

Members Present: Barb Solberg, Mark Westereng, Pam Schmidt, Wendy Keller, Michelle Larson, Liz Slotsve, Loraine Haugen, Doug Mattson, Pastor Mike Pancoast, and Pastor Kari Pancoast.

Barb called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

The opening scripture was read from Mark 5:21-43 by Pastor Kari. The conversation centered on "What boundaries exist in our world that keeps people from knowing the love that God has for them in Jesus?"

The minutes from the December meeting were approved as read.

Barb informed the council that the Capital Campaign is back in full swing. The plan is to conclude the campaign by the end of April with a celebration. They are looking for five individuals to be a part of a community team that would make sure that all members are personally contacted regarding the campaign. The final monetary goal that is hoped for is \$5 million. Barb reported that Pastor Ken has asked Ron LaCount, Bill Mowbray, Darwin Langseth, Ryan Ackerman, and Doug Larson to be available between services on February 12 for a question and answer session regarding the campaign.

Wendy has been working with the SBA loan and is planning to get together with Minot Guaranty regarding title insurance. Mark stated that there is no requirement to have flood insurance since the church didn't flood, but it is necessary to carry sewer backup insurance, which the church does carry.

The windows in the parsonage are currently being installed. Pastor Mike hopes they will be completely installed by the end of next week. The bill for approximately \$90,000 will be received by the end of February.

The Flood of Love money will probably be received after the two hardest hit churches have had a chance to make some major decisions.

Wendy informed the council that there was a game day held on Sunday with approximately 30 people in attendance. The congregational life committee is preparing for the chili feed which will be held on February 1. Pastor Kari stated that Lowell Latimer would like some help setting up a dance at the church.

Mark provided information regarding the proposed budget for 2012. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 12. A motion was made by Loraine, with a second by Liz, to approve the proposed budget with some minor changes. Motion carried.

A person was hired for the weekend custodian position and was approved by the Personnel Committee.

A thank-you letter was received by the City and County Health Clinic for the \$3,000 donation.

There will be a comprehensive ministry review the weekend of February 24-26. The ministry staff, support staff, congregational members, and individuals from the neighborhood will be interviewed regarding "What does our church do in this space?"

All three pastors will be at Camp Metigoshe for a retreat this coming weekend.

Next Finance Board Meeting—5:00 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2012

Next Council Meeting—5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 21

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Pastor Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Larson, Secretary