

First Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2022

Present: Pastor Birgitte, Linda Bauers, Eileen Cordray, Mary Sopkowiak, Jim Frohreich

Call to Order: President Linda Bauers called the meeting to order at 605 pm

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

All: the light no darkness can overcome

Caring Conversations: Everyone present gave a high and a low from the previous week.

Approval of the agenda: Motion by Mary Sopkowiak , second by Eileen Cordray, Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from January 11, 2022. Motion by Eileen Cordray. Motion carried.

Parish Council Update:

\* Joint service for February 27, 2022 at First Lutheran was discussed. First Lutheran will be responsible for main dishes for a brunch. Sign up sheet to be passed around February 20, 2022 during service. Frohreich's to bring a ham, it was suggested we would need 7 egg or French toast bakes.

\*Lent/Holy Week schedule will be available Sunday with the bulletin

\*Pastor would like to do a council retreat sometime later this spring/summer.

Pastor's report for January 1-February 7, 2022 attached to minutes.

The Youth Gathering in Minneapolis has been canceled due to Covid concerns. Our youth will be taking a trip to the Duluth area instead.

Financial reports:

Treasurer's Report. Mary didn't have a report prepared. A motion was made by Eileen Cordray, second by Mary Sopkowiak, approved by the council that Linda Burk (past president of the First Lutheran Church) have her name removed from the Riverwood account and Linda Bauers (current president of First Lutheran Church) have her name added. A discussion regarding income and expenses for First Lutheran Church with the result that currently the income is not meeting the needs of our expenses. It was discussed that unless this is brought to the congregation, they will not know that increased giving is needed. This will be put in the Beacon and a bulletin board with current income/expenses will be displayed outside the fellowship hall.

Financial secretary report: Eileen had a sheet giving us income from Jan 1, 2022 to Feb. 10, 2022.

Old Business:

The property board will be Jim Frohreich, Jeff Bauers and Don Smith. With Jim attending the council meeting.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held May 8, 2022. It was suggested to honor those who were instrumental in the building of the current building. A picnic following service and hopefully we can kick off a Capital Campaign at the same time for the Endowment Fund and/or the building fund.

March 12, 2022 is the Detroit Lakes Synod Great Get Together. Linda Bauers, Eileen Cordray and Pastor will be attending from First Lutheran.

New Business:

It was agreed that we would move First Council meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting with the meeting on March 21, 2022.

Hospice of the Red River Valley is interested in using our youth room for storage/office for their supplies. The door handle will need to be changed to a keypad type locking device. A fee of \$200.00 a month was discussed by the council.

Property board person, Jim Frohreich, reported that our water usage had dropped by to 2800 gallons for the previous 31 days. It appears that shutting off the leaky valve to the furnace that was shut off in January was the cause of our water bills over the past few months.

Next parish meeting is March 8, 2022

First Lutheran Council meeting is March 21, 2022

Adjournment: Motion by Jim Frohreich, second by Mary Sopkowiak to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Linda Bauers, secretary pro tem