

**First Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

Present: Mary Sopkowiak, Joyce Washburn, Sue Smith, Linda Bauers, Karen Hanson, Phyllis Paulsen, Jim Frohreich and Jon Hanson.

President Linda called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
Devotions – done at parish

Approval of the Agenda – Motion was made by Karen H. seconded by Jim F. to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Karen H. seconded by Mary S. to approve the August minutes. MC

Parish Council Update - Linda reported the Christmas schedule for each church with First having Christmas Eve at 5PM and Christmas Day services will be held at Wabanica and Clementson. The October 29th joint service will be 9:30 at Wabanica and same time, Nov. 5th at Clementson. First Lutheran's annual meeting will be Feb. 4th and reports are due to the office by Jan. 19th.

Also, Calista would like to hold a joint service on Dec. 17, at First Lutheran, for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Kids from all churches will be working together.

Financial report: Treasurers report – Mary did not have a report as she was having some computer problems. She did ask about some bills.

Financial secretary's report – Bertel was not here but left a report – see attached.

Old Business:

- a. Roof – Jim discussed this with Dodd's lumber and after some discussion and his turning in a bill – all felt that the project should be done. A motion was made by Jon Hanson seconded by Karen Hanson to close out this project. MC
- b. Training for AED – will be this coming Sunday, Sept. 17th after the service. Jon Hanson said there should be a box so this can be mounted on a wall and in site for all to see. The box would be about \$75.00, so he was asked to go ahead and order a box.
- c. Revisit CD for \$20,000.00 – Mary said she checked both banks and Border Bank had the best deal, for a 12 month, at 5.15% interest with a one-time rate change All felt it was okay for her to put this at Border Bank.

New Business

- Soul Food on Nov. 8th – discussed and Mary S. said she would be willing to help do a spaghetti supper and Joyce said she would do a dessert for this meal.

Committee Reports

Education – Phyllis said that Soul Food would be starting in October

Property – Jim said he will get started on putting in the doors now.

Sue then talked about some things Don Smith asked to bring up. – He was wondering if we should change out the narthex lights to LED.

Discussed some – no further action taken at this time.

The black chairs that were purchased with the table were discussed and Judy Gubbels moved them out of the library – it was suggested that we try to sell these at \$10.00 a piece. We asked Joyce to put this on Facebook to see if anyone will buy them. All approved.

The window frame bricks around the church are coming loose. Jim said he would look into this.

Worship and Music– Joyce said the choir is meeting on Monday evenings, at 6PM for practice.

FLCW – Karen Hanson said they took all the leftover rummage to the Veterans, in Bemidji, and the Scandinavian Bake Sale will be in November.

Next Council meeting will be October 10th, 2023, at 7PM

Items for the Beacon Newsletter due by Sept. 21st, 2023.

A motion was made by Jim F., seconded by Jon H. to adjourn this meeting. MC

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Smith, Sec.