

**First Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes**

December 12, 2023

**Present:** Mary Sopkowiak, Sue Smith, Linda Bauers, Bertel Anundson  
Karen Hanson, Jim Frohreich and Jon Hanson

President - Linda B. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Devotions –

**Approval of the Agenda** – Motion was made by Sue S., second by Mary S. to approve the agenda. MC

**Approval of Minutes** Motion by Karen H., second by Jim F., to approve the November minutes. MC

**Parish Council Update/new SAM guidelines** - President said the budget for 2024 was approved at the parish council and our portion this year is 35%, they are starting Calista's beginning date to our fiscal year instead of May.

**Sam report/ office report - none**

**Financial report:** Bertel's report was available to read

**Financial secretary's report** – Mary went through her report and also the budget for 2024. After some discussion a motion was made by Jon H., seconded by Karen Hanson to accept this report and budget for 2024.

**Old Business:**

- a. Training for AED – Joyce's sister does this kind of work and would be willing to come up and do a training for us in the spring.
- b. Need for secretary and treasurer. – Eileen Cordray will be the new treasurer and Erin Schwenzfeier will take the secretary's position. Linda then thanked Sue for her years of being on the board.
- c. Light parade and caroling – the float took one of the prizes and was well attended by everyone – the caroling this year went well and we had about 13 that came to sing.

**New Business**

- a. Light pole in the parking lot at the church - discussion was held on this and Jim said he would check on this and talk to an electrician.
- b. Joint service on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at Wabanica - Rebel Huerd will be the speaker and also perform the baptism for Johanna Wolf.
- c. 2024 budget – done in financial report.

**Committee Reports**

**Education** – S.S. program is this coming Sunday for First Lutheran.

**Property** – Jim Frohreich – said he thought his term was up and after some discussion if no one would take it he will try another term – He asked if Don Smith would take care of the lawn mowing and mowers – basement is dry now. He will try to fix the wall where the ice dam was and leaked.

**Worship and Music** - None

**FLCW** - Karen Hanson – the ladies had their Christmas party – she is using the church's things to make lefse, for the Depot, this coming Friday.

Next Council meeting will be January 9, 2024 at 7 PM

Items for the Beacon newsletter due to the office by Dec. 21, 2023.

A motion was made by Jim F., seconded by Bertel A. to adjourn this meeting. MC  
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Smith. Sec.

