

**First Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2025

Present: Sue Smith, Mark Washburn, Jim Frohreich, Judy Humeniuk, Kay Schell, Joyce Washburn, Karen Hanson and Phyllis Paulsen.

President – Vice President, Judy H. called the meeting to order at 7:56 pm.

Devotions – were done at Parish – “To Love as Jesus Loves” with discussion.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion was made by Mark W. second by Jim F. to approve the agenda with additions of Insurance under old business and Joint worship and Legal language under new business. MC

Approval of Minutes from Feb. 11, 2025– a motion was made Sue S. seconded by Joyce W. to approve the minutes. MC

Parish Council Update: Baccalaureate on May 21 at school, Memorial Services at First on May 26, Calista in Duluth for CPE classes May 28 – 30, Synod Assembly in Moorhead May 30 – June 1, Father’s Day picnic at Clementson on June 15, Joint worship at First July 13th and VBS July 14 – 17. Other dates are in Beacon. KQ92 Worship over radio and Menaga Day Camp.

Financial Report: Mark then went through his report. Have had significant expenses for the building this year, so far, with the water heater and two sump pumps. All is doing okay, though. We have not had any payment from Day Care yet this year.

Financial secretary’s report - none

Old Business:

- a. Synod Assembly May 30 to June 1 – Eileen C. will attend from First Lutheran.
- b. Active membership list – will look at in June meeting.
- c. Church use Policy – need to look at and ladies also
- d. Water issue leak – Jim has not done anything yet.
- e. Job descriptions – will look at in June meeting
- f. Outdoor clean up – May 14th at 3:00 pm
- g. Live stream video equipment – Calista will check with Pastor Rachel from Bethany on this.
- h. Insurance – we went through the letter Judy had and decided to do 80% with no blanket and a \$10,000 deductible to reduce the premium by \$1644.00 – No bell tower coupled with \$10,000 deductible and no blanket reduces premium by \$1575.00 and to cut personal property to reduce premium by \$812.00. also to have a \$500,000 personal property value.
Judy will call Dale Van De Loo at church mutual and see what the premium would be by changing these items. Will discuss more on this next month for a vote.

New Business:

- a. Picnic – sponsored by Don T. – discussion was held on this and all felt that we needed a leader to help and organize this. It will be brought up to the congregation and if no one steps up we will drop it and ask Don T. if he would be willing to help with the joint service
Coffee time.
- b. Rural Revival information – Calista gave us a pamphlet to look at and this is led by Pastor Rebel Hurd and Pastor Melissa Pickering. We will look at this at our next meeting.
- c. Legal Language – Calista said that someone would like to put in their will a substantial amount for our church and would like the legal language. After much discussion Sue S.
Said to call the Synod lawyer and ask him for his advice.
- d. Joint service on July 13th at First Lutheran – women will serve coffee and muffins or donuts.

Committee Reports:

Education – VBS is July 14 – 17th.

Property – Jim said he has not talked to Kevin about the lighting yet and the repairs in the lower level have not been done yet.

Worship and Music – Joyce said the choir is done for the summer.

FLCW – Karen had nothing

Next Parish Council will be June 10, 2025, at 6 PM

Next council meeting will be June 10, 2025, after Parish Council meeting.

Beacon deadline – May 16, 2025

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer, and a motion was made by Mark W second by Phyllis P to adjourn.

Secretary
Sue Smith

