

**First Lutheran Church of Aitkin, Minnesota
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 (7:00 p.m.) **LOCATION:** GoTo Meeting

MEETING: ___ Regular X Special

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Reggie Denton; Pastor Jordan Gades; David Meyer; Jessi Goble; Todd Werner; Sue Landsverk; Kim Jones; Lynne Kellerman; Dori McMillan; Chancy Nordick;

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff: _____ **Guests/Visitors:** Christine M., Doug L., & Lowell L.

NOTICE: X Posted Electronically; ___ Mailed; ___ Emailed; Objection: ___ Yes X No

Call to Order	By: David Meyer At: PM 7:04	Quorum: YES X NO;
Opening Prayer	David Meyer	
Stories of God at work in the mission & ministry of FLC	Dori: Seniors have been filing through the church; David Meyer: Commented on P. Jordan's "Lego" children's message; P. Reggie. High School seniors involved with 30 days of prayer, doing a great job; Lowell: Last Sunday's service was outstanding;	
Business Meeting		
Agenda Item	Presentation/Discussion	Recommendation/Action
1. Stewardship Leadership Organizational change proposal	Doug Larson: Presented an overview of the purpose and objectives of the stewardship ministry. Proposal and recommendation that Stewardship should be considered a ministry. Discussed 6 different phases. Shared Talents survey, Generosity survey. End of June is target date. Considering "Annual Appeal" for 2nd Sunday in October. P. Reggie "may not be possible". D Meyer; Need to see how the ministry is laid out. By-laws would have to reflect change and congregation would have to approve/ratify at annual meeting. Recommendation: That Stewardship Committee/ Ministry and its subparts be moved out of administration and instead create a separate stewardship Ministry.	Recommendation: Jessi Second: Kim Recommendation Passed.
2. Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/5/2020 Meeting Minutes; • Worship Ministry Meeting Minutes 5/5/2020; 	Motion: Jessi Second: Lynn Motion Passed
3. Sr. Pastor Reggie's Report & Exp. Reimbursement Request	30 Days of Prayer, feels it is going well. Talk of an outdoor community Memorial Day service with other area churches. P. Reggie not comfortable with participating at this point. Motion: To approve P. Reggie's report and expense reimbursement.	Motion: Dori Second: Sue Motion Passed

4. Assoc. Pastor Jordan's Report	<p>Trying new things with powerpoint, getting better at digital things. New request for online Bible study.</p> <p>Trinity in Brainerd conducting parking lot services, against advice of health care people.</p> <p>Met with area youth leaders regarding a program to replace summer stretch.</p> <p>Motion: To Approve P. Jordan's Report</p>	<p>Motion: Jessi Second: Lynne Motion Passed</p>
5. Moving forward on opening up FLC	<p>Kim: Who makes the "call" when we begin to reopen the building? Per DM, that will come from the council.</p>	
6. Revised Church Use Policy	<p>Todd gave overview; Lynne asked if there was any past problems.</p> <p>Motion: To Approve</p>	<p>Motion: Dori Second: Sue Motion Passed</p>
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>Motion:To Accept Treasurers April 30th/May 1st report.</p> <p>Sue updates as of 5/12/20: Gen. Fund income over expenses of \$9503; Period Activity (May) +\$7,491; Includes 5/15 payroll, all bills paid, & all donations through today; YTD Balance in Gen. Fund Checkbook: \$61,598; Bldg. Fund Income-May: \$2,700; Bldg. Fund Income-YTD: \$17,909; Bldg. Fund Income 2019 YTD: \$24,170; B.F. Campaign comparison: 2019 Pledges \$40,130 - Given \$39170; 2020 Pledges \$41,310 - Given \$13,725; Therefore: \$4,184 additional given but not pledged;</p> <p>Motion : To temporarily suspend "Auto-Allocation" of \$5000.00 extra mortgage payments during current pandemic & church shutter.</p>	<p>Motion: Jessi Second: Dori Motion Passed</p> <p>Motion: Jessi Second: Dori Motion Passed</p>
8. NOTICES:		
a. Council Workshops	<p>Dates: 5/28; 9/24; 10/22; Time: 6 to 8:30 PM; Focus for 5/28/2020 GoTo Meeting Workshop – Strategic Planning;</p>	
9. Faith Formation	<p>Kim: Is the council or the Faith Formation groups going to be making the decision "if/when" we begin youth programs</p> <p>D. Meyer: We will request a recommendation from Faith Formation and then council will vote on it. So families can plan, Kim would like a recommendation from the council regarding VBS especially if St Johns is hosting area VBS.</p> <p>D. Meyer; "Public school may not even open in the fall. We are stuck with uncertainty."</p> <p>Jessi: Covid peak now not predicted until mid July.</p> <p>Chancy; Schools will have to make a decision regarding their SUMMER education programs, and we can follow their lead.</p> <p>Reopening of programs and worship will be phased in. Synod has resources available online to assist and answer questions.</p> <p>Sue: Community Meal is in no hurry at this point.</p>	
10. Backfilling of committees	<p>Jessi concerned of backfilling of committee positions.</p>	<p>David to follow up;</p>
• Closing Prayer	<p>P. Jordan</p>	

• Meeting Adjourned	Motion to adjourn at 8:34	Motion: Jessi Second: Sue
Executive Session		

Secretary: Todd Werner Date: 5/12/2020