

**Fellowship Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2013**

Members Present: Megan Cordle, John Toschik, Keith Kelly, Gary Swartzlander, Marcia Werner, Peyton Nielsen, and Shannon Taylor

Others Present: Steve Camp and Pastor Alan Fox

Members Absent: Jann Nelson and Dan Klaassen

Call to Order by Council President, Gary Swartzlander at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting were dispersed electronically by Shannon Taylor. A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Marcia Werner and second by Keith Kelly. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda for January 15, 2013 by Megan Cordle and a second by Keith Kelly. Motion passed to approve the Agenda for January 15, 2013.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

******* All Committee Reports were taken under advisement until the February 12, 2013 Council Meeting with the exception of Nominating Committee Report**

- New member – J Nelson
- Stewardship – J. Nelson
- Children & Youth – M Werner
- Media – J Toschik
- Service & Endowment –M Cordle
- Strategic Plan – Pastor Alan
- Community Awareness – Pastor Alan
- Small Group – S Taylor
- Property – S Camp
- Personnel – S Camp
- Music – D Klaassen
- Nominating Committee – S Taylor – The Nominating Committee report was distributed by Shannon Taylor and Marcia Werner. All positions are filled with the exception of Community Awareness and Endowment. Shannon Taylor to follow up with Jim Milton and Julie Brockmier about possible service. There are also Synod Assembly Delegate spots open. Stephanie and Brent Cottrell have been approached about possible interest in the committee. All other positions have been filled.

Old Business

Associate Pastor – G. Swartzlander and Pastor Alan

- Open discussion occurred about the possibility of hiring an Associate Pastor. All scenarios were covered. Information was provided by Pastor as to what is involved with Ordained 1st call and 2nd call minister and the meaning of Ordained Partner. Further discussion included the need for the Associate Pastor to help with Care Ministry and Outreach in the 25 to 45 demographic.

- The steps for the calling of an Associate Minister were discussed. The steps include
 - Congregational Meeting – 2013 Budget approval
 - Establish a Call Committee to facilitate the hire of an Associate Pastor
 - Regular Reports to the Congregation

- Associate Minister Call committee formation was discussed. Shannon Taylor to send out an email to possible Call committee members. It is the intention that each demographic of the congregation at Fellowship be represented on the Associate Minister Call committee.

Budget Presentation on Sunday, January 20th – G. Swartzlander

- Kent Butcher and Gary Swartzlander to give presentations at both 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. on January 20. Focus will be on Budget questions and concerns. The intent of the Budget presentation is to address any questions before the annual meeting on January 27, 2013.
- Budget meetings were held last year and were well received.

New Business

Meal and Devotion Schedule for 2013 Council Year – S. Taylor & G. Swartzlander

- A meal and devotion schedule was circulated by Gary Swartzlander for 2013.

Treasurer's Report – S Camp

The December Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Giving for December was \$108,109 in income versus expenses of \$69,670 for a positive of \$38,439. Giving for the 2012 year ended at \$839,148 vs. expenses of \$816,456 for an end of year positive of \$22,692. The proposed Budget for 2012 was \$840,040. Based on the total income of \$839,148 for the year 2012 giving was only \$892 under as to the proposed budget. Council all agreed that giving for the 2012 year has truly been a blessing from God. Motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report was made by Marcia Werner and second by Keith Kelly. Motion passed.

Adjourned with prayer at 8:15pm

Next Meeting: February 12th, at 6:00pm Devotion & Meal: TBD