

First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio
Congregation Council Session: September 5, 2018
AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Cheri Comstock |
| 2. Devotions | Adam Smith |
| 3. Roll Call | Liz Rose |
| 4. Adoption of Agenda | Cheri Comstock |
| 5. Treasurer Report | John Belser |
| 6. Adoption of Minutes | Liz Rose |
| 7. Congregation Members Questions/Comments | |
| 8. Old Business | |
| a. August Attendance- 92 | |
| b. Bicentennial Open House- September 9, 2018 | |
| c. F.L.I.R.T. Release Form | |
| 9. New Business | |
| a. Town Hall Meetings- guest speaker, Bob Abrams | |
| 10. Report of the Pastor | Pastor Larry Novak |
| 11. Reports of the President | Cheri Comstock |
| 12. Reports of the Staff | |
| a. Director of Music | Judy Vassar |
| b. Director of the Bell Choir | Larry Walker |
| 13. Standing Ministry Teams En Bloc | |
| a. Audit | |
| b. Christian Action | Cheri Comstock |
| c. Personnel | Chris McKenrick |
| d. Finance | Gail Keck |
| e. Learning | Adam Smith |
| f. Mission Ministry | Julie Zoldak |
| g. Property | Chris McKenrick |
| h. Stewardship | Chris Gamble |
| i. Worship | Susan Wyckoff |
| j. F.L.I.R.T. | Ray Swisher |
| 14. Special Ministries En Bloc | |
| a. Nominating | |
| b. 175 th Anniversary | Susan Wyckoff |
| c. CHEF | Dave Vassar |
| 15. Affiliate Ministries En Bloc | |
| a. Lutheran Community Services | Corey Van Hoose |
| b. WELCA | |
| c. New Life Charitable Foundation | Kevin Miller |
| 16. Closing – Lord’s Prayer | |
| 17. Next Meeting: October 1, 2018 at 7 pm | |

First Lutheran Church Worship Ministry Team -

“Worshipping Christ through word, sacrament, and music.”

September 24, 2018

Members Present:

Cindy Weikart, Susan Wyckoff, Judy Vassar, Pastor Larry Novak, Stephanie Oaks, Judy Lunz,
Larry Walker

Ministry Team Highlights:

Discussion of budget, worship services

Items requiring council action:

None

Highlights of Meeting:

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

1. Budget – request the same budget amount for 2019 as we had in 2018 - \$2500
2. Pastor – discussed plans for several special Sundays coming up the rest of the year
 - a. Advent Wednesday services – preparations are ready to go
 - b. Sunday after Christmas will be a Youth Sunday
3. Old business
 - a. Pastor reported on the first contemporary service held at Sweet Aroma
 - b. discussed the need to have a discussion on the altar placement at the annual meeting since there will be another discussion occurring at the annual meeting of greater importance. The motion to hold a discussion at the annual meeting on the altar placement was rescinded.
4. New business
 - a. None

Calendar

October 28 – Reformation

November 4 – All Saints Sunday

November 18 – Thankoffering Sunday

November 20 – Thanksgiving Eve eve service

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday

December 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent, Caroling at Green Hills

December 9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent, Decorate the church

December 16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Christmas Breakfast, Children's Christmas Program, Caroling at Logan Acres

December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent,

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

December 25 – Christmas

December 30 – Youth Sunday, Lessons and Carols

5. Next meeting will be October 22, 2018

Submitted: Cindy Weikart

New Life Charitable Foundation Meeting
September 12, 2018
7:00 pm

Trustees in attendance: Jim Donnelly, Beth Harman, Paul Karn, Kevin Miller
Excused absence: John Bodin, Carl Gillespie, Don Voorhies
Guest: Nate Dodds of Dodds Wealth Advisors

President Kevin Miller called the meeting to order and then waived the normal order of business, so our guest could discuss the investments we have with Dodds Wealth Advisors.

Nate Dodds passed out a combined account portfolio. He then proceeded to explain the portfolio. He explained the methods used to overcome recession -resistance to growth of the investment. Presently we are averaging 3.25% dividends from the 26 firms we have invested in. Looking at all the investments, he predicted that the overall value of the account should show a growth note of 6% to 7% this year.

Beth Harman gave her financial report. Motion to accept by Kevin Miller, seconded by Paul Karn. Motion passed.

No old business.

New Business: a brief discussion was held concerning grants and was tabled to the next meeting.

Adjournment- motion by Kevin Miller. All said yes.

Next meeting: November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**First Lutheran Church of Bellefontaine
Congregational Council meeting
September 5, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Cheri Comstock, council president.

Devotions: Adam Smith

Roll Call: Present: Cheri Comstock, Gail Keck, Chris McKenrick, Corey VanHoose, Susan Wyckoff, Liz Rose, Pastor Larry Novak, Adam Smith, Ray Swisher, Chris Gamble. Excused: Julie Zoldak. Guest: Pastor Bob Abrams

Treasurer Report: Council reviewed the most current treasurer reports. Motion made to accept the treasurer report by Gail Keck. Seconded by Chris Gamble. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt the agenda: Motion made to accept the agenda by Ray Swisher. Seconded by Susan Wyckoff. Motion passed.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of adding Chris Gamble as present by Gail Keck. Seconded by Corey Van Hoose. Motion passed.

Congregation member's questions and comments: No one present.

Old business:

August attendance: 92

Open House: Chris Gamble, Susan Wyckoff and Carolyn Novak volunteered.

F.L.I.R.T. Release Form: A revised release form was presented and accepted by council on a motion made by Ray Swisher. Seconded by Chris McKenrick. Motion passed.

New Business:

Town Hall Meetings: Pastor Bob Abrams was present to offer guidance for the upcoming Town Hall Meetings. As many council members should be present at each meeting to hear the feelings of the congregation as the council will make the final decision. Ground Rules should be set up and explained at the start of the meetings to keep the meeting going forward in an orderly manner.

Report of Pastor: Written report submitted.

Report of President: no report

Reports of Staff: Director of Music reports submitted

Standing Ministry Teams En Bloc:

Audit: no report

Christian Action: report submitted

Personnel: no report

Finance: No written report. Gail Keck advised Finance met on Aug. 20. No current concerns with the budget. Questioned the expenditures for the boiler and the budget line.

Learning: VBS went well and plans are being made for the 2019 VBS. Sept. 16 will start the Sunday School year with a Rally Day.

Mission ministry: no report

Property: No written report as they will meet on Sept. 8, 2018. Questions about the Stewards of the Grounds Building were asked. Rain has delayed a lot of construction and unfortunately we have been caught up in the delays. Communications with the contractor are they will get here as soon as they can when the weather permits.

Stewardship: no written report. The Stewardship Academy was a good event. Stewardship Sunday will be October 14.

Worship: Written report submitted.

FLIRT: Written report submitted.

Special Ministries En Bloc:

Nominating: no report

175th Anniversary: Winding down. It ends on December 31, 2018.

CHEF: No report

Affiliate Ministries En Bloc:

Lutheran Community Services: no report as they have not had any meetings.

WELCA: Starting up for fall activities.

NLCF: No report submitted. Will meet on September 12th.

All reports were accepted on a motion made by Corey Van Hoose. Seconded by Adam Smith.
Motion Passed

Next meeting October 1, 2018 at 7 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Rose, Council Secretary

Flirt Notes Sept 25, 2018

Present: Kevin Miller, Cindy Weikart, Tom Weikart, Ray Swisher,

Excused: Adam Smith, Brenda Shively, Gary Kauffman, Jan Lowry, TJ Weikart,

Pastor Larry Novak,

Core Meeting

1. Need to develop a budget for the team. Should include people movers, medical supplies, first aid/CPR supplies, batteries for radios, external training, trainer stipend. TJ will develop. Apply to New Life for a grant for equipment/supplies such as the people movers.
2. Approved application received from Loren Kipker.
3. Kevin will work with Margie Bixler to set protocols on web site for pictures. Explained how posted pictures can be pirated by other people and what we can do to prevent it from happening as much as possible.
4. While filling out an incident report of a bee sting Tom raised the question of which address (church or home) should be used on incident reports.
5. Need to make a file of copies of incident reports and maps for use by any one that needs to file a report.

Regular Meeting

6. Kevin reminded those who want to get concealed carry insurance to turn it in when possible.
7. Discussed CPR and first aid class. The class will be held on September 29th at 8:00 AM. It will cover both CPR and first aid class. Class size 7 people has been reached. The teacher will volunteer his time. The only cost will be \$20.00 for the cost of the card.

Breakfast snack items will be available. Lunch will be based on the time needed to complete the training.
8. Tom is still working on the concealed carry card so it cannot be duplicated.
8. Next meeting – October 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Core team will meet at 6:30 pm.

First Lutheran Church

Property Ministry Team Meeting

September 8, 2018

Ministry Team Highlights:

None

Minutes of Meeting:

Call to order. Present: Carl Gillespie, Tom Weikart, Loren Kipker

Adoption of the Agenda, made on a motion made by Loren Kipker, seconded by Carl Gillespie. Motion passed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Carl Gillespie, seconded by Loren Kipker. Motion passed.

The repairs to the Detroit Street stairwell have been completed. Total cost of \$ 14,000.00

The Stewards of the Grounds Building is still on hold as the rainy weather has prevented the digging of the footers. The contractor and sub-contractors have been affected by the weather. Our contractor advised he was pretty well booked for the year but will work us in as time allows.

The new boiler is in place. During the removal of the old boiler and initial placement of the new one, several issues have been found that have to be corrected before the new one can be completely installed and inspected.

The Kitchen is slowly being completed. Additional funding must be authorized by council for the major appliances. Property will replace the current kitchen lighting with more efficient LED lighting sometime in the future.

The parking lot paving has been completed and there have been several positive comments. In talking with the paving contractor, it was recommended that the parking lot have two coats of sealer applied next year and restriped. It was explained that the paving will have a better chance of lasting longer if we follow a good maintenance routine. Approximate cost of \$ 1,000.00.

Logan Carpet Cleaning cleaned the chairs in the Education Building. 98 chairs, 2 small pews (Upper Room), 2 Love seats (Lower Narthex), and 2 sofas (Confirmation Classroom) for \$ 398.00. The rest of the chairs, pews and sofas in the church proper part of the building will be cleaned before Christmas.

Bats: It has been suggested that bat houses be installed outside the church. If the bats have a house outside, maybe they won't want to find their way into our building for us to try and remove them. Further efforts to get information will be made on the subject. We should consider the idea.

Mission Statement: After some discussion, the following Mission Statement for the Property Ministry Team was suggested. Keeping First Lutheran Church repaired and presentable. This mission statement was approved on a motion made by Carl Gillespie. Seconded by Loren Kipker. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Loren Kipker. Seconded by Carl Gillespie. Motion passed.

Next scheduled Property Team Meeting: November 10, 2018 at 9:00 am. Any special meetings would be scheduled as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Weikart, chairperson



Report of Director of Music

Continuing with those sharing their talents with those this summer.

August 5 were the VBS youth

August 12 Linda McGillivray shared his talent and Brenda Shively led the service

August 19 A beautiful solo was played by Jennifer McKenrick.

We led worship at Green Hills and Larry Walker assistant with special music.

August 26 Carolyn Novak accompanied herself on guitar

Sept. 2 Chris Tillman and Kris Swisher sang a duet about “Jesus and Me”

Sept. 9 Larry Walker performed “Nearer My God to Thee” for prelude

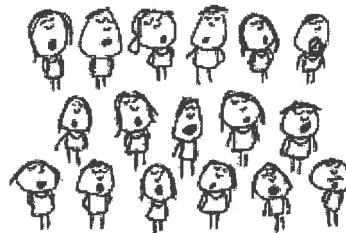
Choir practice begins Thursday, August 13. Male voices are definitely needed in the back row. Let me know if you can help out.

I want to make sure you mark Tuesday, November 20, 2018 on your calendar for the joint Thanksgiving Eve here at First Lutheran. Congregational support is essential.

Submitted by,

Judy Vassar

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PASTOR'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

Worship Services, teaching, and visiting in August

- Worship services: Total of five services: Four at First Lutheran (August 5 service was outdoors), One at Green Hills
- Monday Afternoon Bible studies: No meetings in August. Monday classes will be taking a break until September 10, when a 12-week session on the psalms will begin.
- Tuesday afternoon Bible studies at Luther Community: Concluded our study of the Gospel of Matthew. Three classes in August. The group is deciding what they would like to study next.
- Confirmation classes: prepared syllabus for year. I will have four students this year. We will be starting out the year by showing the 2003 movie *Luther* on Saturday, September 15. The first class will be September 16.
- Funeral for Jean Kerns
- Visits: five home visits, one hospital visit, one office visit.

Meetings, seminars, and events in August

- CORE-treatment team meeting on August 1 at First Lutheran, Events planning meetings at Recovery Zone on August 22 and August 28.
- Hunger Network of Ohio-Preparations made for Faith and Advocacy Summit on September 23.
- Continuum of Care-Housing and Homelessness coalition: Board meeting on August 9, Legislative advocacy subcommittee meeting on August 28.
- Stewardship Academy, hosted at First Lutheran, on August 18
- Pastor's pericope study meetings August 7, 14, and 21.
- Webinar on State Issue One: August 15
- Park Clean up August 4
- Finance Ministry Team Meeting: August 20
- Our Daily Bread: August 20
- Christian Action Ministry meeting: August 13
- FLIRT meeting: August 28
- Worship Ministry meeting: August 28

Other

- Several bylaws will need to be amended to our church constitution. If you can think of anyone who would be a good fit to serve on a constitution review committee, please let me know.

- Town meetings to discuss the marriage policy issue are scheduled for September 6, 13, and 20.
- State Issue One, to be voted on this November, is endorsed by one Board I serve on, the Hunger Network in Ohio. The homelessness coalition is also considering their endorsement, and CORE is debating endorsing the issue as well.
- Look for information on Vision 20/20, a vision statement, coming soon.

Comic of the month



Cartoon by Inherit the Mirth

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Larry