

Church Council
Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05pm: David Leshner

PRESENT: Pastor Frank, Pastor Jon, Ryan Eikenbary, Dean Petersen, Ted Norris, Vicki Ibarra, Karen Harris, Karen Ross, Gwynnae Byrd, Nick Zylstra, Charlaine Hamilton
Guests: Leah Miller and Monte Morris from Habitat

DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Frank

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dean Peterson and Second by Pastor Frank to approve the June 21, 2016 minutes; motion passed

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Jon: Just back from confirmation camp and upcoming has high school youth trip to Montana. Cindy Carol is taking a leave as her brother is ill.

Vacation Bible School shirts are in and looking for additional volunteers for VBS. New Safety of Minors Policy presented and a motion by Pastor Frank and second by Karen Ross to adopt it. Motion passed. Still needs work to develop plans for intruders as well as natural disasters. This policy will be on the website. We will hear back from Rachel and Ryan for follow up.

PRESENTATION BY HABITAT

Leah Miller and Monte Morris presented a plan to develop the First English property. Have just completed a 14 home LEED certified project that significantly decreases resident's utility bills. Looks at First English as a partnership. Wish to be part of the neighborhood. Are planning to have the newer "old" building as an office. Would repair older church building so that kitchen is usable. Sees project as vitalizing the community.

Pastor Frank: Call committee is awaiting candidates. Profile submitted to Pastor Katie. Wonderers committee is underway. First English has several interested parties, which include: Habitat, St. John's Program for Real Change, and Mogavero. Out priority is to have a Lutheran presence in Oak Park and wish for community input. Plans have been submitted to the city for the parking lot; issue of curb potentially interfering with the orange trees. Pastor Frank will utilize the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to send \$600.00 to assist Edward Makara in Rwanda who suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident. He is well know to St. John's as an evangelist in a two year program he completed in Uganda. This will cover the costs his insurance did not.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Norris

Letter going out on August 1st for Living Stones campaign, which will include celebration dates. Congregation continues to give over budgeted amount. For June offerings were \$101,166. Expenses for the month totaled \$126,332 compared to a budget of \$133,800. Mineral rights generate monthly income.

Checking	\$137,401
Community Bank Money Market	\$299,207
MIF	\$38,961
Total	\$475,569

ADJOURNED: With the Lord's prayer at 8:55pm