

**First Lutheran Church
Vision Team Minutes
May 12, 2011
5:30 pm**

Welcome

Present: Dan Loken, Pastor Marilee, Pastor Greg, Fred Bursch, Pastor John, Stacey Lamski, Caroline Petefish, Stephanie Heseltine, Roger Thalman, Pat Kalina, Rich Moen and Shane Johnston

Absent: Kathy Ortloff

Opening Devotions provided by Stacey Lamski

Worshipful Work - Pastor John

Welcome to Pastor Marilee. We shared a tidbit of information that no one would know about us to get to know each other better as we work together in the next two years and beyond.

Treasurer's Report - Dan

Report was presented. Discussion was held regarding gifts memorials benevolences and acknowledging one that came in this past month to the General Fund. Will suggest featuring Planned Giving in the next Stewardship column in the newsletter and how monies can be designated. M/S/C

Secretary's Report - Minutes from April 14, 2011

Minutes were presented. M/S/C

Pastor's Reports

- Pastor John
 - Official welcome to Pastor Marilee. Pastor John, Pastor Greg, Randy Morken and Mary Morken will be attending Synod Assembly this coming weekend. Attendance was up during Lent and Easter weekend. Attendance was 1760 on Easter Sunday. Planning for fall has started.
- Pastor Greg
 - Thank you to everyone for support. New Member Meeting was held last night and they will be received on May 21-22. We will be welcoming over 40 new people into First Lutheran with adults and children. Working on a few things for this summer that will include Mystery Tour and Twins game. Looking forward to outdoor worship this summer, have great people in place to help assist.
- Pastor Marilee
 - Attended New Member Meeting last night and thought it was very interesting to hear how so many of the people are joining due to connections with other. Has been doing visits to assisted living and hospitals as well as a couple board meetings as she is learning about First Lutheran. Lots to learn and everyone has been very welcoming from the staff and members.

Old Business

- Board Reports on Strategic Initiatives
 - Youth Ministry
 - Take Stock has been very successful this year with pledges. Easter Breakfast was well attended. Considering moving to Palm Sunday next year. Planning for fall and Kim's FMLA is under way.
 - Stewardship
 - Meeting will be held next week.
 - Worship
 - Board is very busy. Trying new marketing methods this summer to promote Sunday worships at Carlos State Park and City Park through brochures and reader boards around town.
 - Adult Ministry
 - See Pastor Greg's report. Working on securing location for two services this summer when City Park is not available. Boundary Waters Canoe Trip is planned for August. Looking at two groups with a total of 12-15 people attending.
 - Volunteer
 - Working on planning for fall including Spirit Fest. Still continuing with healthy snacks once per month. Members enjoyed the Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.
 - Mission
 - Children's Ministry
 - This Sunday is Kingdom Kids Celebration at 9:45 am service. Board is working with Youth Ministry on possibly moving Youth Breakfast to Palm Sunday. Registering for VBS is well under way and registration for next fall's Kingdom Kids is about to begin.
 - Property
 - Has not had a meeting.
- Janitorial help?
 - Tim's surgery went very well and is on the road to recovery. Have hired Dave Blom and his son Mark to come in and help. Diana coordinating their efforts. Will call on Tim to help give directions for items like air conditioner placement.
- Facilities Usage Task Force – no report. Will be getting together in next week or so.
- Video Streaming – no report
- Other items?
 - Question – is it possible to have board representatives share during worship service a short tidbit on what their board does behind the scenes here at church. Discussion was held and all agreed that this was worthwhile to pursue

New Business

- Synod Assembly – May 14
 - Representatives for First are Roger and Carol Thalman, Loren and Katherine Liesemeyer, Wayne and Deb Quernemoen. Have been briefed by Pastor John and Pastor Greg on the assembly process and what is being voted on during the assembly
 - Offering during the Assembly – 50% goes to NW MN Synod Seminary Scholarships and 50% to HIV/AIDS and Malaria Initiatives. Discussion was held on amount of offering to

be given and where the monies could come from possibly Endowment. Motion – Give \$500 for the offering at Synod Assembly. M/S/C

- Summer Worship – see notes above
- Other New Business
 - Land – Benny Hedstrom approached Pastor John about cutting hay and removing it at land at no charge. Motion – Move to allow Benny Hedstrom to cut and remove hay at the land at no charge. M/S/C
 - Misc Items
 - The Hole in the Gospel – Kathy Ortloff had recommended last month and Pat read this past month and would highly recommend to others
 - Luther Crest – congregation does an awesome job of supporting Luther Crest and our kids love to attend. Great to see all the kids that are attending this summer.
 - Two tickets are available for Lorie Line concert this Saturday night.
 - Tom Tipton concert – was full and over \$2,100 was collected with plates at the door. Monies went to Disaster Relief.
 - Mother Child Friend Brunch was very nice.
 - Fred Bursch did a wonderful job of speaking at the Hard Hat Habitat for Humanity breakfast

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting

- June 9, 2011 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Heseltine