

The meeting was called to order by President Joy at 10:51 am. Council Members present included: President Joy, Sue, Kevin, Robin, Ardyce, Jennifer, Cindy, Cara, & Lynn. Members absent included Cliff and Minister Matthew.

Jennifer led devotions which centered around Corinthians 12. This passage explains how our bodies have many parts, working together, but there is just one body. This is like Christ and our works. The Church is one body, but we all have an important part within that body. Every role, whether it is seen or unseen, has some significance and when we work together, when everyone cares and supports each other, wonderful things happen. We need to move forward with unity and a caring heart.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** President Joy asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Since there were no additions, Ardyce made a motion to approve the agenda. Robin seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21 MINUTES:** Cindy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sue se-conded. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Since Minister Matthew was absent, President Joy had a couple items for discussion within his re-port. FLC is planning to participate in "Feed My Starving Children" again this year, but sign-up dates need to be shared with the congregation. Cindy indicated dates cannot be reserved until registration opens. Joy will remind Minister Matthew to find out when registration opens and to reserve a spot for FLC. Joy inquired about a "Christian Jam session" on Tuesday nights. Cara clarified that on Tuesday nights there is rehearsal for band members who help with music for the Wednesday night services. Cara also elaborated on finding a vast amount of equipment for the sound system. The mics work beautifully with the sound board, so she doesn't feel the need to purchase new equip-ment until it is known what is there and what's in working order. Cara will inventory all sound equipment and share her findings at the February Council meeting. She will also visit with David Berg, as he has a lot of understanding of the sound system.

Lindsay's report was reviewed by the Council. FLC needs an app where all communication will be shared between specified committees, Council members, and congregation members. She is looking into Flocknote to assist in this endeavor. Cara recommended to consult with other sources before financially investing in any app. Things are con-stantly upgrading in the technology & the communication world. Cara noted that Benjamin Bradley is very tech sav-vy and he may be interested in helping find an appropriate app.

Cara and Ben are positively thrilled with the way the music for the Wednesday night services is falling together. They even have possibility of having a trombonist in the group. Cara voiced concerns about how some supervision is needed during the service on Wednesday nights, as there has been some disruptive behaviors by some of the youth. She is curious why some parents are not attending these services with their children. Parental presence might help alleviate some of these distractions. Cara suggested the idea of Adult Sponsors who could supervise these kids dur-ing the service. Jennifer mentioned there are plenty of adults around on Wednesday nights who would gladly sit with kids, but they just may need to be invited to help supervise. Cindy noted a schedule could be created to appoint people to help serve food and then chaperone. President Joy volunteered to recruit support as needed and talk with

Minister Matthew regarding the situation. Service attendance has been very good as about 12 – 15 different families attend Wednesday night services.

**WELCA:** President Joy noted Bishop Craig will be here February 8th and new members will be recognized during that service. Council will coordinate with fellowship for that event. The LYO will possibly make their Superbowl Sub sandwiches in the basement kitchen that morning, as the upstairs kitchen will be busy. The next WELCA meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, beginning at 10:00 am.

**TRUST COMMITTEE:** The next meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm . Kevin indicated the Trust Financial Report has been completed for the Annual Meeting. Nathan Dahl will be a new member on the Trust Committee as Frances Olson's term has ended.

**FINANCE:** Kevin reviewed the Financial Report. He noted that the Reimbursement Request will be waived for the January meeting. Kevin reported our checkbook balance is up considerably from last year as we have had a large increase in donations. He inquired if we want the surplus to remain in our checking account or should be a motion to transfer funds. The account is significantly above the targeted balance. It was decided to leave the account as is. The church needs to upgrade our printer, so that will be an upcoming expense. Robin made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried. The next Financial Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 @ 1:00 pm.

**PROPERTY:** Robin reviewed the proposals for a new printer that Lindsay has researched and provided to the Council. Marco is the company serving FLC at the present time and from whom Lindsay received the 2 proposals. Robin indicated it would be a good idea to get 2 more proposals as those presented are from the same company. Council members agreed. Cindy recommended to contact Dakota Boss out of Sidney. Features needed on the printer were discussed such as tri-folding and stapling. President Joy indicated the cost of color printing has doubled since last year as we have had an abundance of funerals and have needed to print a significant number of memorial folders. The Clarion and various schedules are also deep colored and require a lot of ink. It was recommended to cut back on the printing of so many deep colored items. President Joy will visit with Minister Matthew and Lindsay about getting 2 additional quotes for the cost of purchasing a new printer. Robin elaborated on changing the location of the secretary's office. Significant discussion was held with many opinions voiced. Options will be further reviewed by the Property Committee. The new pews will be delivered on March 19. After the church service on March 15th, the congregation will need to help move out the old pews. Since FLC is donating our old pews to the Spring Brook Bible Camp, the pews will be loaded on trailers and transported to Epping. The next Property Committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 6 at 1:00 pm.

**WORSHIP:** Report stands as presented. Compliments were made to Laura Dahl and the nice job she did at the pulpit last Sunday when Matthew was out of town.

**STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM:** Jennifer noted the Care Team has set up a meeting for Wednesday January 21 at 3:00 to discuss policy and procedures. The Stewardship event for Lent will be "Forty Forty Challenge" which encourages FLC members to walk a mile each day and do daily devotions to enrich their faith during Lent. The next Stewardship and Evangelism committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 5th at 5:00 pm.

**YOUTH & EDUCATION:** President Joy indicated Spring Brook Bible Camp registration is opening soon and there is a code one can use to get a discount for their camper. Vacation Bible School

(VBS) is on the docket. Last year, it was held right after the fair, and was not well attended. President Joy is asking for input or ideas as to when to hold VBS and possibly polling the parents to get their feedback.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Digital Sign:** Jennifer reviewed the Digital Sign Guidelines and reiterated the S & E Committee is to function as a re-source for content and support for sign operation if needed. It is meant to have confirmation from the S & E committee if someone has something they want on the sign when the request might not align with the guidelines. It is important that 2 people be trained on the operation of the digital sign. Discussion was also held on laptops. Technology guidelines and current procedures were clarified.

**Council Members' terms:** Three year terms expiring include Lynn, Robin, and Jennifer. Jennifer has served two terms and is termed out. Cindy and Cliff have both resigned with one year remaining of their terms. The council thanks them for their years of service. Robin will take Cliff's remaining year. Cara Transtrom will take Cindy's remaining year. Laurie Honstein volunteered to take a 3-year term. Since potential candidates have all declined, this leaves 2 openings to be filled for the 2026-2029 term. Other possible candidates were reviewed and will be contacted by designated Council members in the upcoming week. If two more candidates are not secured for election by the annual meeting, the council will appoint two positions. These positions will then be voted on for the remaining two years of their term at the next annual meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FLC Annual Meeting;** Sunday January 25th will be the Annual Meeting at FLC. Reports are ready and booklets are available for the congregation. There will be a potluck meal before the meeting.

**Bishop Craig –** At the February 8th Service, Bishop Craig will dedicate the new paraments and baptismal font.

**New Member Sunday:** FLC will also honor our new members on Feb. 8th.

**February 15:** Minister Matthew will conduct the Burning of the Palms event, which will be followed by a pancake and sausage meal for the congregation.

**February 18:** Ash Wednesday service will take place at FLC. This will be a service only, no supper or classes. Lenten Soup and Sandwich suppers are beginning on the following Wednesday.

The next Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 22nd following the service.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn. Cindy seconded.

The Council concluded the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Haugeberg, FLC Council Secretary