

First English Lutheran Church  
Executive Committee Meeting: February 16, 2009

**Present:** John Zweig, Peter Peregrine, Amy Henderson, Pastor Detweiler, Mike Lokensgard, Steve Uslabar

Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Detweiler.

**Reports:**

Minutes of the January 6th Executive Committee Meeting and the February 8<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting were reviewed. Dong Pham has agreed to represent FELC at the Appleton Conference Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are still in need of at least one more volunteer.

Treasurer's report was submitted as written. In response to the ELCA 2008 Congregational Report that was shared, Steve felt it was time to clean up FELC's membership list. A suggestion was made to send a letter asking "Do you consider yourself a member?" and to provide different methods for response (i.e. calling the office or sending an email). Peter will check on this.

Following the Lead Pastor's resignation announcement at each of the services on February 15th, Office Hours were held at both sites. Peter and Mike were at the Downtown Site and John Z was at the North Site. Individuals did come in to express concerns and ask questions. Office Hours will continue to be held for the next few Sundays.

**Old Business:**

Peter will ask the Bishop's assistance in drafting a letter of agreement for Pastor Dismar. This letter will outline the details of amending his call to full time beginning May 1, 2009, for a specific time period to be determined.

During this transition, Pastor Bauer and Pastor Dismar will be asked to be site specific for three Sundays each month—Pastor Bauer at the North Site and Pastor Dismar at the Downtown Site. One Sunday each month they will switch sites. In order to further support the Pastors, Worship assistants will be encouraged to take on a Sunday morning "master of ceremonies" role.

The Listening Posts report will include themes and questions that were identified from the sessions. Transcripts of individuals' comments will not be released.

**New Business:**

The executive committee will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

If requests are made to release Petition signatories, the information will be made available in the office. The petition will be included as an addendum to the annual meeting minutes.

A motion will be brought to the Council to pay synod benevolence quarterly.

A motion was discussed to establish a cabinet of MT chairs run by the VP and Lead Pastor to better integrate Council and MT work. Discussion followed. The benefit of this is coordination of programs and helping members see that the lead pastor is overseeing the programs. Decision was made to put this on hold for right now.

A motion will be brought to the Council to Charge the Support MT to develop a list of special projects and/or locations that could be named and begin seeking funding for those projects and/or location memorials. Discussion followed.

Lead Pastor's report was reviewed and will be discussed at the council meeting.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Amy Henderson, secretary