

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

January 18, 2007

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

A 10 Minute Bible Study was done on Matthew 5:13-16. "...let your light shine before men..."

Membership: No membership activity

Christian Growth Committee:

Pastor will be working on the member responses returned with the Giving Plans for 2007. Results will be published in a Sunday bulletin.

Outreach Committee:

Art noted the approved 2007 budget reduced his funds to \$1000. Last year his committee used \$1700 for the Easter Breakfast, church picnic, Mission Potluck, WELS video, and a Christmas mailing to area residents.

He is still investigating replacing the current equipment for showing the WELS video in church with a projector and a retractable screen.

Lutheran School Committee:

Mrs. Tetzlaff has needed a substitute teacher due to her mother's health. M/S/P to approve all personal days for her absences due to her mother's health.

Shepherding Committee: No report

Properties Committee:

Bob Fretschel has replaced a defective light switch at the parsonage.

The main electrical panel at the parsonage needs to be inspected by an electrician. Art will consult with Dean and Dan Geisthardt about it.

Art is following up on the church refrigerator repair to monitor its performance.

The church kitchen garbage disposal has not been working correctly for some time. Water backs up and there's often a bad odor. Art will talk to Mike Schmidt to see if he can give us an idea about what has worked in the past. The kitchen is rented for Feb. 3, so repair is necessary.

Bob Fretschel has replaced the burnt out tubes in the narthex light fixtures. He's reducing the number in the entryway to save energy.

WLA: No report

Finance Committee:

Tim's report showed General Fund receipts of \$8887.50. This puts us \$3578.88 behind budget for 2007 and about \$900 behind last year after 2 weeks.

The \$3000 from the Parish Improvement Fund for the Computer Upgrade Plan is to be moved into the School Fund along with the school's and PACK's shares. The expenses are to be paid from there to avoid running it through the General Fund.

The Building Rental Application form was revised after the December council meeting.

M/S/P to approve the financial secretary's report. (report attached)

Treasurer's Report:

The \$6846.69, the voters authorized, has been moved into the General Fund to start the year with a zero balance.

Ed questioned the \$149.10 disbursed from the School Fund. It was thought that it probably was for Cradle Roll materials.

A Parish Improvement CD for \$5000 is coming up for renewal in early February. Dan is going to check at the bank on the renewal dates for the other two CDs. Then he'll decide to renew or deposit it in the church checkbook.

Mrs. Kollman's purse was stolen with her organist paycheck. M/S/P to rewrite the check for the full amount. The church will pay the \$25 fee to stop payment on the stolen check.

M/S/P to approve the treasurer's report. (report attached)

Unfinished Business:

The year-end member statements will be available on Sunday in the narthex.

New Business:

Communion helpers for Jan. 28:

Early - John Sankey

Late – Dan Rosenau

The tenth anniversary of our new church building is coming up in August. Ken asked the council for their thoughts on a possible celebration. M/S/P to have Ken Arndt form a committee to explore options and present a plan for the council to approve.

Pastor asked to take Feb. 6-14 for vacation. One of the seminary students will be our guest preacher. M/S/P to approve the vacation days.

Pastor reviewed several of our church policies. Councilmen received copies to study on their own. These documents are to be typed into our computer system by the secretarial committee and then saved on the new server. The policies need to be reviewed in detail and possibly revised. Each will be dated to identify the latest versions.

Church Policies:

- Organizational Flow Chart
- Called Worker Benefits
- Support Staff Benefits
- Student Aid Policy
- Fund Raising Projects and Activities
- American Red Cross agreement
- People Living Together Without Marriage
- Christian Brides and Grooms

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 7:00 pm

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

John Sankey
Church Secretary

Present: Ken Arndt, Art Pahnke, Ed Marley, Carl Lehner, Tim Panzer, Dan Rosenau, Pastor Bitter, Principal Miller, John Sankey

Absent: Dave Holz, John Roehl