

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

April 19, 2007

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

A 10 Minute Bible Study was done on 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. Topic: What happens to Christians when they die?

MSP: To dispense with the reading of the March 15, 2007 minutes.

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary.

Membership: MSP: To transfer Janice Smith to St. Peter's in Fond du Lac.

Christian Growth Committee: Carl Lehner reported that someone is needed to be the director of Vacation Bible School this year.

Pastor reported on the three workshops that he attended in Appleton: called worker insurance, a study of the divine call, and the *Peter Plan* for reaching out to inactive members.

Art Pahnke attended also. He went to one on why young people leave the WELS and another on Bible studies for men and women.

Outreach Committee: Art found out that the \$275 bill in question last month was for our listings with the Action Advertiser.

Thanks were given for the many helpers and guests who attended the Easter breakfast. Estimated attendance was 210.

The video projector committee did not yet have an estimate or recommendation for the upgrade to our equipment.

Lutheran School Committee:

- School softball has started.
- Pizza coupons are being sold.
- May 7 is a PACK meeting and Appreciation Dinner. Election of officers will be held.
- Kurt Callaway has returned the call he had received.
- A financial report was handed out.

Shepherding Committee: John Roehl, Dave Tetzlaff, and Regan Arndt will be mailing out or delivering the remaining offering statements and talent surveys.

Properties Committee:

- The new outlets were installed in the gym in time for the Easter breakfast.
- Dave shared an estimate to replace the gym fixtures and lights. The total cost would be \$6928.78. The council decided it would be ill-advised to go forward with the project at this time.
- The electrical room needs two new circuits with 2 outlets on each. One would be for computer equipment. The other is for power tools used at the workbench.
- The parsonage will be upgraded to 200 amp service when the repairs are made. The upgrade costs less than \$300.
- MSP: To pay \$6.00 per hour for mowing the church property.
- The ceiling lights in the gym hallway need to be checked for insects.
- Some school hallway bulbs need to be replaced.
- There was no problem with the garbage disposer in the kitchen, once a rag was removed.
- Council mailboxes are up in the office. Patti Rhode is making nametags.

WLA: A request for a music/band director has been sent to the MLC assignment committee.

Finance Committee: Tim reported that the General Fund offerings are \$2392.16 behind budget. Offerings are ahead of last year at this point because of an early Easter. MSP: To accept the Financial Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund has had deposits of \$91,105.72 and expenditures of \$104,285.64. This results in a negative balance of \$13,179.92. The expenditures at this point are 32.17% of the budget.

The property insurance package has gone up 7% or \$120 per quarter of the year. Dan has asked Sharon Kollman to review our coverage and premiums.

Ken Arndt checked on our *Yellow Pages* listings. We will be able drop one and save

money. This needs to be done in the fall before their next printing cycle begins.

MSP: To approve the Treasurer's report.

Unfinished Business:

- The bill for the new chairs has been paid.
- The new tables we received were damaged. Ken has contacted the company. No payment will be made until the problem is corrected.
- Some changes to the computer plan resulted in an increase of \$44.25. Two new computers were purchased rather than trying to repair and upgrade old ones. MSP: To authorize Tim Panzer to dispose of the 7 obsolete computers. MSP: To keep the electrical room locked at all times to protect the new computer equipment in that room.
- The Anniversaries Committee has chosen Sunday, May 6, to celebrate Pastor's 25 years at St. Luke's. The Senior & Junior Choirs will sing in concert. There will be a guest preacher with a special liturgy. A reception with refreshments will be held between services.

New Business:

Pastor has received a request from Mr. Charles Bonow to present an organ service concert for our congregation this summer. A free will offering would be collected for him at the door. MSP: To have Pastor schedule Mr. Bonow to lead us in worship this summer.

Pastor has received the *2007 Book of Reports and Memorials* for 59TH Biennial WELS Convention. This book will be available online in early May.

There was a problem with our equipment for the hearing impaired on Good Friday. It was a faulty connection with an extension cord. It was fixed and was working properly for the Easter services. It's appreciated when our members let us know if it's not working the way it should. The council is looking for ways to avoid any similar problems in the future.

Communion helpers for April 29:

Early – Ed Marley

Late – Ken Arndt

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 pm after the Ascension service. There will be no Bible study at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

John Sankey
Church Secretary

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