

# St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

## July 19, 2007

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

A 10 Minute Bible Study was done on Luke 18:9-14. This story about the Pharisee and the tax collector reminds us to trust in Jesus and not ourselves and what we do.

MSP: To correct the May 17, 2007 Minutes to show that Pastor's vacation was from June 19 to July 1 and to approve the corrected minutes.

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

### **Membership:**

No action

### **Christian Growth Committee:** Carl Lehner

Vacation Bible School was a success. 14 students attended. Thank you to those that served as teachers and helpers.

Sunday School offerings of \$303 were sent to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Fall classes will begin on Sunday, September 10.

### **Outreach Committee:** Art Pahnke

Art reported on the plan to update our church's video equipment. Estimates have been in the \$5000 - \$20,000 range for a permanently installed system. He's recommending that we have Brian Lutze help us purchase a portable system with a permanent screen. That way the projector would be available during the week for teachers to use in the school. MSP: Recommend to the voters that they approve up to \$5000 from the Parish Improvement Fund to purchase a portable system.

### **Lutheran School Committee:** Ed Marley

A financial report was passed out.

Monday, August 6, will be a PACK meeting. There will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. with a meeting and school registration to follow.

School handbook changes include a small increase in book fees, but the non-member tuition will remain the same. Parents should contact Mr. Miller if financial aid is needed.

Mr. Miller, Ed Marley, and Dan Flood attended a conference at WLA on Saturday, June 9. Many ideas for school improvement were presented and discussed.

Ed updated the council on the re-keying of the church. Most of the keys have been handed out to those who need them. Dean Geisthardt will get an A1 key. Donald Lange and Paul Rhode will get an AA14 key. All of Ed's documentation will go to the Properties Committee along with a letter to authorize the cutting of replacement keys. MSP: To have the Properties Committee replace the garage lock with an AA14 key and to remove the extra church entrance key from the garage. Members should contact Ed Marley if they have key questions.

### **Shepherding Committee:** John Roehl

The committee met on Tuesday, July 17, to discuss communion attendance. Letters and telephone calls will be made to those that have not attended the Lord's Supper for over three years.

### **Properties Committee:** Dave Holz

Lakeview Electric has not yet done the work at the parsonage. The work on the church and school has been completed and paid for. The outside outlet on the northwest corner of the church has no wires coming into the box.

The southwest window on the church has a broken exterior pane. Dave has had Ideal Glass out to look at it. He expects their estimate to be about \$500.

### **WLA:**

Mr. Justin Gregorius has accepted the call to service as the new principal.

### **Anniversary Committee:** Ken Arndt

The celebration will be on Sunday, September 23, in both services with a dinner to follow. President Gurgel will not be able to preach because he will be in China. The committee is looking for a replacement. Kollman's Korner Katering will cater the meal. More information is posted on the kiosk in the

church narthex. MSP: To take up to \$1000 from the Miscellaneous Fund for anniversary expenses.

The damaged tables that were replaced after the Easter breakfast are still here. Nothing has been heard from the supplier, so we assume they're ours to keep.

**Finance Committee:** Tim Panzer

The General Fund is \$16,963.76 behind budget as of July 19. General Fund giving is \$4367.48 behind last year at the same time. Those with Giving Plans (119) are \$750 behind and those without plans (152) have given \$3000 less than expected. (The approved 2007 budget was \$25,173 over our anticipated offerings.)

The Finance Committee will be purchasing five more computer back-up tapes.

The committee has scanned about 1300 church and school pictures for the anniversary celebration. Only one is from before 1956. Please contact Tim if you have any pictures that we could use, especially old ones.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Rosenau

Our negative balance in the General Fund has delayed our July payments to WELS and WLA.

MSP: To cash in the Parish Improvement Fund CD for \$5000 when it matures on August 4. (The last \$5000 CD doesn't mature until next year.)

Ken will contact the Bank of Oakfield to find out how we might establish a line of credit.

MSP: To recommend to the voters that they authorize a line of credit (or loan) for up to \$20,000 at the Bank of Oakfield.

**Unfinished Business:**

Labels have been placed on the office mailboxes. (Thanks to Patti Rhode.) Correspondence and bills will go into the committee boxes. Chairmen will then forward approved bills to the treasurer.

**New Business:**

Communion helpers for ~~Feb. 25:~~

**Sun. July 29** ~~Early~~ - Dan Rosenau

**Mon. July 30** ~~Late~~ - Dave Holz

With the anniversary celebration of our church approaching, now is the time to see that the

church has a good cleaning and that the landscaping is spruced up. Ken Arndt will get estimates to have both done professionally. MSP: To recommend that the voters authorize up to \$2500 to take care of both areas.

MSP: To collect a special Thank Offering for our tenth anniversary. Monies will be deposited in the Parish Improvement Fund. Tim will see to printing envelopes.

Pastor has been contacted by the synod concerning its difficult financial situation. They have requested that congregations consider increasing current and future offerings, that they have a Walking Together Sunday, and/or a special collection.

The Outreach Committee will begin planning for our October Mission Festival.

Chris Driesbach has contacted Pastor to put on a special concert for our congregation. Chris is doing this as a way of saying thanks for the help his congregation received to rebuild after the hurricane in New Orleans. He is performing at Grace in Waupun on Sunday evening, August 5. Pastor will talk to him about participating in our Monday night service and at the PACK meeting that evening.

The Nominations Committee (Ed, Art, and Tim) needs to schedule a meeting in August.

MSP: To approve Pastor's vacation from July 24 to July 31.

MSP: To approve a substitute preacher on August 12 and 13 for Pastor to attend his son-in-law's installation as a teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Newburg, Wisconsin.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 16, 7:00 pm

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

John Sankey  
Church Secretary

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

Absent: John Roehl