

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

January 15, 2008

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order. Pastor Putz led a Bible study on Psalm 2:1-6 and opened with a prayer.

MSP: To accept the minutes as presented.

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary and from the St. Luke's web site. WWW.STLUKESOAKFIELD.COM

Membership:

No transactions

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

No Report

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

- The committee is making plans for the Easter breakfast.
- St. Luke's members we need your help. Please contact us if you know anyone who needs to hear about Jesus and his saving grace. Bruce Rhode, Art Pahnke or Jerry Huth

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

Mr. Miller reported that he had contacted Mrs. Callaway after Sunday's Voters' Meeting to explain the elimination of the kindergarten position at the end of the year and the severance pay.

Several parents were concerned if there would be kindergarten and preschool next year. Mr. Miller assured them that there would be. On Monday he sent home a letter to all parents explaining the situation and that there would be kindergarten and preschool next year.

Mr. Miller had contacted synod offices to find out the correct procedure for eliminating a teaching position. He was advised to "eliminate" the position, not to "terminate" the teacher. This makes the called worker eligible for a new call immediately. Otherwise they have to wait for a year. The January Voters' Meeting minutes have been reworded to avoid that problem.

Mr. Miller and Mrs. Tetzlaff will meet with Dan Flood to discuss the details for reissuing their calls. The council will act on their suggestions at their next meeting.

The School Committee will be discussing various ideas for dividing the teaching responsibilities. This would also include the possibility of having all day kindergarten.

Rick asked that they discuss the status of the cradle roll. Presently Glen Lutze mails out a packet of information to parents of newborns.

The WLA recruitment team will be visiting school on Tuesday, January 27.

The students' achievement results are in. Parents will be receiving the information.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

Dale will be arranging a training workshop troubleshooting session with Milwaukee Metro & Video for the sound system committee. They charge \$80 per hour including travel time. MSP: To recommend to the voters to pay up to \$500 from the Parish Improvement Fund for this service. The problems with our devices for the hearing impaired will be addressed at that time.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

Estimates for replacing the gas pipe in the parsonage basement and a new dishwasher will be presented at the next council meeting.

Dave will contact Dean to have him replace the two bathroom fans in the parsonage. MSP: To recommend to the voters to pay up to \$200 from the Parish Improvement Fund for the two fans.

WLA: No Report

Finance Committee: Dean Perlick

Dale filled in for Dean, who was unable to attend this meeting.

General Fund receipts total \$8,961.75 for the year. Total receipts are \$9,655.75. St. Luke's is \$2,698.90 behind budget at this time. We need to average \$6,009.83 per week to meet the budget for 2009.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$869.67.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The General Fund began 2009 with a deficit of \$62,081.24. After deposits of \$9,320.75 and expenditures of \$9,178.24 the deficit is \$61,938.73. The checkbook balance is \$2,296.83. The principal amount of the bank loan is \$35,000. Expenditures are 2.94% of the budget at this time.

The mortgage balance is \$61,942.74.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

January 25 Communion Helpers:

Early Service: John Sankey

Late Service: Dan Rosenau

- Ed Marley passed out a report on the keys for the church, school, and garage.
- Dan Rosenau reported that he had submitted our 2009 commitment to synod online.
- Mrs. Callaway's severance payment will be included with her last regular pay check.
- The WLA commitment forms for 2009 were filled out and signed.
- The Action Advertiser asked if we'd like to renew our church ad for this year. The cost would be \$325. The Outreach Committee will make the decision after prioritizing their budget.
- The Called Worker Gift Envelope was discussed. Each box contains one envelope at the end of November.
- The introduction to our Sunday morning worship services was discussed. Churches use many different ways to welcome the worshippers. Pastor Putz enjoys personally greeting people in the pews before the service begins. This avoids an interruption in worship atmosphere and the thoughts of the opening hymn.
- The School Committee will be planning a special event to show Mrs. Callaway how much we appreciate her ministry at St. Luke's.
- The voters had approved an additional loan of up to \$10,000 to cover our projected 2009 deficit. Rick will be contacting the bank to take care of the necessary paperwork. The council wants to avoid delaying any payments to WLA or WELS.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary

Present: Rick Reehl, Dan Rosenau, Dale Hinze, Bruce Rhode, Dan Flood, Pastor Putz, Principal Miller, John Sankey

Absent: Dan Flood, Ben Grunewald, Dean Perlick