

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

October 15, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order. Mr. Miller opened the meeting with a prayer.

MSP: To accept the minutes as read.

Membership: No transactions

Pastor's Report: No Report

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

The Sunday School students will be singing in the late service on Sunday, October 25.

The Christian Growth Committee and the Sunday School Teachers are having monthly planning meetings.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

Sunday, October 25, will be Mission Festival. Pastor Daniel Schmidt will be our speaker. He serves in the Detroit mission field. There will be a door collection to help support this outreach program. A special presentation is scheduled between services with a potluck dinner at 11:30 a.m.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

- A monthly financial report was given.
- Dan will be doing his annual observation of Mr. Miller's classroom.
- Flu shots for H1N1 will be provided free to students at St. Luke's.
- The School Committee will have one open position to fill for next year.
- St. Luke's Wellness & Health Policy has been completed for the state.
- The next P.A.C.K. meeting will be November 2 at 6 p.m. The guest speaker is Police Officer Dieke. Everyone is invited to learn about the dangers Internet safety and identity theft. Snacks and babysitting will be provided.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The committee is in the process of contacting those members that have not registered on the attendance sheets for worship services or communion in over 3 months. Sometimes members have attended, but they weren't recorded.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

Dave will be contacting our snow removal experts to make sure we're ready for the white stuff when it comes.

Ladies Aid:

Rick summarized the minutes from their latest meeting. Ron Geidel was recognized for his work in making our new stands for the empty communion glasses. The Ladies Aid will be giving \$200 to the St. Luke's Student Aid Fund as he has requested.

WLA: No Report

Finance Committee: Dean Perlick

Total receipts for the General Fund are \$218,983.02. The total of all offerings is \$227,596.15. We're \$36,626.10 behind budget at this time. That's about \$1000 less than last month. General Fund offerings now need to average \$9,442.00 per week to meet our budget.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

The financial reports were not posted yet, so Dan was not able to give his usual report. The checkbook balance is about \$2,000. All bills have been paid except that WELS and WLA are two months behind.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$53,608.51. Our operating loan balance is \$65,000. \$15,000 of the operating loan is with members. The balance is with the Bank of Oakfield.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Gym Rental Request - Michelle Sabel and Scot Schmitz came to ask for permission to use our facilities for the Oakfield Recreation Association's youth basketball practices. They explained they did not have enough time and courts available since the closing of Belle Reynolds. They hoped we would allow them to use our gym up to three nights a week for 2-4 hours. This would run from November through March.

After an initial show of hands for support to their request, it was decided to set up a temporary committee to develop a tentative agreement with the Association. This agreement would begin immediately, but would have to be approved by the council at their November meeting. MSP: To appoint Mr. Miller, Rick Reehl, Dan Flood, and John Sankey to determine the specifics of the agreement. This committee will meet Tuesday, October 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship Sunday – Sunday, November 8, has been chosen to emphasize Christian Stewardship. Rick has designed a short church council presentation to be given after each service. All members are encouraged to bring their questions. There will be no adult Bible class between services.

Rick handed out an agenda for the presentation along with discussion topics for each councilman and a pie graph of the proposed budget. We also saw a copy of the stewardship letter with the offering statement and giving plan form.

Color Printer – The Bank of Oakfield has donated a used color laser printer. New cartridges would cost about \$300. A brand new printer with cartridges runs about \$400. MSP: To check with our tech support and purchase whichever would be a better investment. There were two dissenting votes.

Secretary Proposal – Tim Panzer had provided a possible job description for two new volunteer positions. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Dean and Dale should invite Tim to their committee meetings to clarify and discuss his ideas.

Council Reorganization – Dave Tetzlaff, Paul Rhode, and Don Patchett were elected by the voters to replace Dan Rosenau, Dave Holz, and John Sankey. Positions and preferences were discussed. During that discussion Dean stepped down from his council position, so that the voters could select someone that better fit the demands of the Financial Secretary duties. Rick accepted his decision. Voters will need to elect a replacement in January. The council then reached consensus that Don Patchett would be the new secretary, Paul Rhode would chair the Properties Committee, and Dave Tetzlaff would be the new treasurer.

Communion Helpers

October 25: 8:00 a.m. - Rick Reehl

10:15 a.m. – Dan Rosenau

November 8: 8:00 a.m. – John Sankey

10:15 a.m. – Dale Hinze

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

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary

Present: Rick Reehl, Dale Hinze, Dan Flood, Dean Perlick, Ben Grunewald, Dan Rosenau, Bruce Rhode, Principal Miller, John Sankey, Dave Tetzlaff, Don Patchett, Paul Rhode
Absent: Dave Holz, Pastor Goelzer

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