

St. Luke's Church Council Minutes

November 19, 2009

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. Pastor opened with a prayer and a devotion entitled *The Character of Christian Leaders*.

MSP: To accept the minutes as written.

Membership: No transactions

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented an alternate form of structure for our committees. This should enhance productivity, participation, and transparency. The voters would need to approve a rewording of the bylaws for us to make this change. MSP: To have Tim prepare a rewording of the bylaws for our December council meeting to implement a change in committee structure.

Christian Growth Committee: Ben Grunewald

There will be a meeting to discuss the Teen Bible Class on November 24.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode

The committee is working on a winter fellowship event. Community members will be invited to attend.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood

The monthly financial report was given.

The Children's Christmas Service is *Ring Out* from Kramer Publishing. The scheduling of the service was discussed. MSP: To continue last year's schedule with only one worship service on Sunday, December 20, at 10:15 A.M. MSP: To recommend to the voters that this schedule be followed in future years.

MSP: To reimburse the School Committee up to \$200 for the treat bags that are passed out to the children after the service.

MSP: To transfer the oversight of Secretarial Committee from the Lutheran School Committee to the church secretary.

MSP: To transfer the Cradle Roll from the Lutheran School Committee to the Christian Growth Committee.

Open Gym is going to begin in December. It will be on Sundays from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Dave Kobilic and Sybille Rhodes are in charge.

Shepherding Committee: Dale Hinze

The committee continues to contact members that have not been attending services and communion.

A group of 5 people are now operating the remote control for the screen during services.

Dave Tetzlaff will be filling the vacancy on the videotaping crew.

Sharon Kollman will be taking minutes of all the Worship Team meetings. A schedule for putting up the Christmas decorations will be given to Dave Holz. Volunteers will be needed.

Sound quality during services is still an issue. Dale will contact Kurt Parduhn to get his recommendation on removing one of the mixing boards.

Properties Committee: Dave Holz

Brian Fisher will be taking care of our sidewalks during the winter. He can either set up a charge account at BFG's, or we can reimburse him directly.

Ladies Aid: Rick read the minutes from their previous meeting.

WLA: Rev. John H. Boggs has returned the call to serve as Director Of Communication And Mission. A new call has been sent to Mr. Craig Charron at Nebraska Lutheran High School.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer

Total receipts for the General Fund are \$217,234.70. The total of all offerings is \$267,030.79. We're \$37,438.33 behind budget at this time. General Fund offerings now need to average \$12,629.95 per week to meet our budget.

38 Giving Plans have been turned in. 55% of the member data sheets and 14% of the talent surveys have been received.

MSP: To have the commons scheduling and rental be overseen by the Secretarial Committee. Marilyn Kollmann will still be the contact person.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Rosenau

Total General Fund deposits for the year are \$256,512.15 with expenditures of \$282,698.80. That leaves our 2009 deficit at \$26,186.65. The checkbook balance is \$9,678.47. WELS and WLA are now only one month behind and should be up to date by the end of the year.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$52,659.91. Our operating loan balance is \$65,000.

The pension fund has announced that they will not collect payments for one month. That saves us \$2442. Synod has asked that the money be given to WELS as an additional offering. MSP: Table a decision until next meeting.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Old Business:

The Oakfield Recreation Department has been using our gym on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. They would like to extend that until 9:00. The additional hour would cost another \$25. Mr. Miller will handle the revisions to the agreements. Three other requests to use our gym have been received. Rich will contact Doug Mock to discuss his request to have a softball-pitching clinic on two days.

New Business:

Rick has asked that councilmen prepare a list of their responsibilities to facilitate the transfer of duties to new councilmen.

WLA's principal, Mr. Gregorius, has asked to speak to the council and the congregation. He will be invited to the December council meeting and the January 10 worship services.

The church has been reserved for Mr. Miller's wedding on Friday, March 12.

Communion Helpers

November 29: 8:00 a.m. -

10:15 a.m. – Dan Flood

December 13: 8:00 a.m. – John Sankey

10:15 a.m. – Dan Rosenau

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 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, Tim Panzer, Dan Rosenau, Principal Miller, John Sankey, Dave Tetzlaff, and Pastor Goelzer

Absent: Dave Holz, Ben Grunewald, and Bruce Rhode

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