



St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

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Church Council Minutes

September 23, 2010

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Goelzer opened with a prayer and devotion on Lesson Two, Grace Brings Change.

MSP: To accept the minutes as corrected for the August Church Council Minutes.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Goelzer reported on his Ministry Activity from August 1 - 31, 2010.

Transfers in (0)

Transfers out (4) - Aaron & Michelle Steinke and Gus & Stephanie Mielkie, both to St. Peter's – FDL.

Baptisms (0)

Profession of Faith (1) – Irene Schlefke

Christian Growth Committee: Tom Laich reported that Gus Mielkie will no longer be on the sub-committee due to his membership transfer.

A proposed schedule of Teen Group/Bible Study activities/meetings was presented but at this time has not been finalized.

Cradle Roll reported that no feedback was received regarding the starting of a New Mother's Group so a meeting invitation will be mailed.

The Sunday school program reported that things are going well but there is always a need for teachers and/or subs.

Tom reported that his committee is proposing a \$4,500.00 budget for 2011 with the extra monies to be used for program expansion & a guest bible study leader to free Pastor up to conduct teen bible study.

October 3rd will be Stewardship Sunday and the Giving Plan packets along with a talent survey will be available in the Narthex.

MSP: that the giving plans be returned by October 31st, Reformation Sunday.

MSP: that a Symbolic Pledge to the Lord of the giving plans be held on Wednesday, November 24th at the Thanksgiving Eve service. More information to come.

Tom reported the next Christian Growth Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 pm.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode reported that Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, October

17th. Guest speaker, Pastor Thomas Schmidt will conduct the services and a potluck dinner will follow the late service. Food sign-up sheets will be in the narthex prior to the event.

The 2011 Spring Blast is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th.

The Outreach Committee's proposed budget for 2011 is \$2,000.00.

Other items discussed included Friendship Evangelism & a St. Luke's Thanksgiving Dinner. Additional information to come.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan reported that the school checkbook balance is \$1,068.77 and book fee deposits were \$3,399.00.

Dan Flood submitted a Preschool Proposal 2011-2012 recommendation to Church Council for submission at the Voter's meeting on October 10th. The proposed cost is \$10,175 for the 2011 budget year which is for half of the year beginning in August/September of 2011. An outline of the proposal will be available at the voter's meeting.

Shepherding Committee: Dean Geisthardt reported for Dale Hinze that the Deacons & Ushers lists were submitted to Reagan Arndt with all those that signed up so that Reagan could compose a schedule for the upcoming months.

The committee is also working on contacting members who have not communed in the past 3 years.

The budget for 2011 for the Shepherding Committee is being combined with the Worship Planning Committee; the proposed budget amount is \$3,455.00.

Barry Zuelke was asked to be a nominee for church council for a 3 year term and he accepted.

Properties Committee: Rick Reehl reported for Paul Rhode that the work on the parsonage by Central Restoration, LLC was nearly complete; the beam was replaced and garage floor sealed.

The southeast corner of the parsonage basement still has a leak and the oven door handle in the church kitchen is loose; both need to be addressed by the Properties Committee.

Secretary Committee: Dean Geisthardt reported that the Secretary Committee submitted a recommendation on the Building Rental Policy that line item 3 be changed to show that checks be made out to the Rental Coordinator, who is at this time is Marilyn Kollmann, instead of St. Luke's. Also line item 4 will be changed to add (2) additional columns; one for 'Church Members' and the other for 'WELS Non-Church Member' for the rental of our church facilities.

Dean also reported that the children's bulletin master was ordered and received from the First Time Families (Growing in Christ); copies can now be made and in placed in the children's bags.

The next secretary meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.

WLA: Tom Laich reported that WLA is preparing their budget for 2011-2012.

Ladies Aid: Rick Reehl reported on the meeting minutes and also gave an overall summary of Joanne Tetzlaff's 25 year service celebration which was well attended making it a very memorable day.

Also, Arlene Fisher will serve as the Chair Committee for the 80 and over membership to organize a special dinner to be held sometime in October.

Rick also reported that the checkbook balance was \$953.37 and the Project Fund was \$737.95.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer reported on September 23, 2010 total income is \$229,130.31.

Tim also reported that the offering envelopes for 2011 have been received.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Tetzlaff

Total General Fund deposits for the year are \$229,130.31 with expenditures of \$225,063.52. The checkbook balance is \$7,066.14.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$42,983.51. Our operating loan balance is \$47,037.56.

General Fund balance for the year is a negative balance of \$13,571.96.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Old Business: Rick Reehl reported that C.D. Smith's work on the gyms moisture problem is on a 'wait and see' basis to see if the work they did solves the problem.

Rick also reported that the finish work on the sound system, the cat. 5 cables, will be completed on Saturday, October 9th.

New Business:

MSP: Recommendation from the Church Council to be presented on Sunday, October 10th at the Quarterly Voter's Meeting of the 2011 preliminary working budget with a total proposed budget of \$348,726.97, an increase of 14.07% over the 2010 budget.

Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, October 3, 2010. President Rick Reehl & several of the council members will be presenting a budget overview for their committees & fielding questions in preparation for the upcoming voter's meeting after each of the church services.

Dale Hinze, Bruce Rhode and Dan Flood will be completing their church council terms at the end of 2010 and will be fielding candidates for their replacement.

MSP: that St. Luke's Church's new logo appears on most paperwork starting on October 3rd.

Communion Helpers

September 26th – 8:00 a.m.: Rick Reehl

10:15 a.m.: Bruce Rhode

October 10th – 8:00 a.m.: Dave Tetzlaff

10:15 a.m.: Dean Geisthardt

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MSP: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Geisthardt
Church Secretary

Present: Rick Reehl, Bruce Rhode, Tim Panzer, Dave Tetzlaff, Brian Miller, Tom Laich, Dan Flood, Pastor Goelzer and Dean Geisthardt

Absent: Dale Hinze, Paul Rhode.

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary and from St. Luke's report website. reports.stlukesoakfield.com