



St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

Oakfield, WI

Church Council Minutes

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July 21, 2011

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 6:37 a.m.

Pastor Goelzer did a devotion on the book of Ephesians showing us how the letter to them reads like our own story concerning Christ's love and his spiritual blessings for us.

The June 16, 2011 Church Council Meeting minutes were read. There was a correction in the first motion under New Business to have the line item for the Forward in Christ and Meditations fall under the Christian Growth Committee instead of the Outreach Committee. MSP: To approve the minutes as corrected.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Goelzer reported on his Ministry Activity from June 1- 30, 2011.

Transfers in (0)

Transfers out (2) – Linda Searl to Trinity, Neenah and Heather Boelk to St. John's, Montello.

Releases (0)

Baptisms (0)

Confirmations (0)

Profession of Faith (0)

Funerals (0)

St. Luke's Church Family – 402 comm., 469 souls.

Pastor missed one Monday evening service due to illness; Pastor Zuberbier did the service for him.

Pastor also reported that he did a memorial service for Raymond Collien and a 50th anniversary service for John & Ione Panzer.

Christian Growth Committee: Plans for Family Bible Week are coming along. Regan Arndt will speak on Tuesday night, Audrey Brauer on Wednesday night, and Jessica Gierach on Friday night. One more leader is still needed and they are working on the food for the lunches.

The next committee meeting will be scheduled in early August.

Outreach Committee: Barry Zuelke asked for help from the church council members at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2011 to assist with set up for the outdoor service and picnic.

Lutheran School Committee: Teachers are getting ready for the next school year; home visits are scheduled for the first two weeks in August.

The next committee meeting will be scheduled for early August.

Shepherding Committee: Help is needed for the Audio-Video Committee. They are working on a deacons and ushers meeting in September.

There have been some delinquent members that have attended services. They are working on a program where they will be contacting people who haven't attended services sooner than they are with the present program.

There was a discussion about a picture wall, taking pictures of new and current members, and where they should display it. Tim Panzer will talk with John Sankey about some ideas that he has.

Properties Committee: Justin Rhode discussed some of the projects that will be done at Saturday, July 23, 2011's annual Clean Up Day.

Steve Strupp has the repair work done on the garage and at the parsonage.

Dave Tetzlaff reported that the parsonage shower door needs replacing and the surround on the tub should also be replaced. Justin Rhode will check into prices for these projects.

Justin will also contact Central Restoration to have them look at a small leak that still exists in the garage.

Secretary Committee: No report.

WLA: No report.

Ladies Aid: Pastor reported that a committee is working on ideas to restructure the Ladies Aid.

WELS United: The ice cream social and Koiné concert at Fond du Lac's Buttermilk Creek Park is Thursday, July 28, 2011.

They have also reserved a spot on Main Street for Fondue Fest and are working on other projects that will involve the other congregations. A marriage retreat is one possibility.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer reported on July 10, 2011 total general fund income as \$169,426.01, other fund receipts were \$7,865.89; total fund income was \$177,291.90. It was reported that we are currently -\$8,413.0 behind budget for the year.

Tim also reported that the new envelope format was discussed.

MSP: to have any undesignated funds go into the general fund.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Tetzlaff reported that the Total General Fund deposits for the year are \$169,426.01 with expenditures of \$177,811.61. General Fund balance for the year is a negative balance of -\$8,385.60. The checkbook balance is \$4,329.01.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$32,896.98. Our operating loan balance is \$45,905.65; interest only paid again in the month of June.

General Fund Deficit - reflects the overall deficit of -\$83,080.22. (**New line item added so that, when principal is paid off of the operating loans, they have a way to balance the books.)

Outstanding Membership Loan balance is \$15,000.00.

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Old Business: Having a visitor registration book was discussed by the council. It was decided to turn the first counter area into a visitor's center and have the registration book there. The SOS information will be moved to a different area. The Secretary Committee will be handling the details.

New Business: A notice will be placed in the August bulletin for members to run for the council positions opening up.

MSP: to take a door collection on Sunday, July 31, 2011 for Jessica Gierach on behalf of the Friends of China.

A week night worship service was discussed.

MSP: to add a Monday night service at 7:00 p.m. starting the second Monday in September.

MSP: to approve an office license for the computer in the balcony and two copies of website software to be paid out of the miscellaneous fund.

It was also reported that we will be in need of a new lawn mowing person to help finish out the season as Taylor Rhode will be leaving for college in August. A notice will be put in the bulletin.

Communion Helpers

Sun., July 31 – 9:00 a.m.: Barry Zuelke

Mon., Aug. 1 – 7:00 p.m.: Dennis Loduha

Sun., Aug. 14 – 9:00 a.m.: Rick Reehl

Mon., Aug. 15 – 7:00 p.m.: Gary Seyfert

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

MSP: To adjourn – 9:15 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Tetzlaff
Acting Secretary

Present: Pastor Goelzer, Rick Reehl, Tim Panzer, Joe Birschbach, Dennis Loduha, Brian Miller, Justin Rhode, Barry Zuelke, Gary Seyfert and Dave Tetzlaff

Absent: Dean Geisthardt

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