



St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

Oakfield, WI

Church Council Minutes

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October 13, 2011

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Pastor Goelzer did prayer & devotion "Raise Faith, Not Money."

MSP: To approve the September 15, 2011 Church Council meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Transfers in (0)

Transfers out (0)

Releases (0)

Baptisms (0)

Confirmations (0)

Profession of Faith (1) – Lindsey Koser

Funerals (0)

Christian Growth Committee: Joe Birschbach reported that there would be no Sunday school on Mission Festival Sunday, September 23, 2011.

The Sunday School program is still in need of (1) additional teacher, either part-time or full-time.

It was also reported that at this time there are approximately 30 children attending Sunday school and a plan is in place to follow-up in a month to keep track for attendance and, if need be, have Pastor Goelzer contact the parents.

Also reported, Pastor Goelzer will be meeting with the organists on a quarter basis going forward.

Outreach Committee: Gary Seyfert reported that the committee held a meeting on October 6th in which they discussed the organization of this year's "Thanksgiving Delivered".

Lutheran School Committee: Brian Miller reported that the St. Luke's Lutheran School Committee met on Monday, October 10, 2011.

The school's checkbook balance is \$2,996.31.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. (2nd Monday of the month).

MSP: for the Oakfield Community Foundation Grant in regard to purchasing Smart Boards to be tabled until the January Voter's meeting.

Also reported, the School Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Items discussed at the meeting were again the goals of the committee, yard signs, greeting visitors and follow up information with visitors, checking into putting together a welcome packet for new families coming to our church as well as new families that move to Oakfield, and congregational members' family visit.

The next School Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

It was also reported that the Oakfield Recreation Department will again be using St. Luke's gym this year during the months of October through March at the request of Brian Sabel and council permission.

Shepherding Committee: Rick Reehl reported for Barry Zuelke that the Shepherding Committee would be holding a Deacon/Usher's meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011.

It was also reported that the Shepherding Committee is putting a letter together to send out to members who have not been attending communion regularly.

Properties Committee: Paul Rhode reported that a number of projects have been completed with a few still remaining; one of the items to be addressed, a schedule for cleaning church.

Secretary Committee: Dean Geisthardt reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

WLA: No report.

Ladies Aid: No report

WELS United: No report.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer reported on October 13, 2011 total general fund income as \$237,806.37, other fund receipts were \$10,398.64; total fund income was \$248,205.01. It was reported that we are currently -\$13,622.19 behind budget for the year.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Tetzlaff reported that the Total General Fund deposits for the year are \$237,806.37 with expenditures of \$252,112.78. General Fund balance for the year is a negative balance of -\$14,306.41. The checkbook balance is \$820.95.

The mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$29,791.67. Our operating loan balance is \$45,905.65; interest only paid again in the month of September.

Outstanding Membership Loan balance is \$15,000.00.

General Fund Deficit - reflects the overall deficit of -\$89,001.03. (**New line item added so that, when principal is paid off of the operating loans, they have a way to balance the books.)

MSP: To approve both financial reports.

Old Business: Stewardship meetings with the congregation scheduled for Sunday & Monday, October 16th & 17th, 2011; one presentation following each service on Sunday the 16th and one presentation following the 7:00 p.m. Monday service. Discussed at these meetings will be the new envelope format, the 2012 preliminary budget, and also an overview of the Christian Growth, Outreach, and Shepherding committees and what their responsibilities involve. There will also be time allowed to ask questions, give feedback, or present new ideas.

Stewardship forms are being asked to be returned by the congregation members by Sunday, November 13, 2011.

New Business: President Rick Reehl ask that the following nominations to church council be considered; the nomination of John Roehl to a 3-year term as Shepherding Committee Chairman and the nomination of Kevin Gierach to a 2-year term as Christian Growth Committee Chairman replacing Barry Zuelke; both would be effective 01/01/2012. These nominations will be presented for approval at the Voter's meeting in January.

Rick ask that the following nominations to the (3) open council positions also be considered; the nominations are as follows: John Sankey, Church Council President – 3-year term, Justin Rhode, Financial Secretary – 3-year term.

MSP: to accept these church council nominations as noted.

Rick also reported that Dave Tetzlaff is in the process of getting a meeting set up with Church Mutual Insurance Co. to compare their bid against our current property insurance policy.

Communion Helpers

Sun., Oct. 30 – 8:00 a.m.: Dave Tetzlaff

10:30 a.m.: Joe Birschbach

Mon., Oct. 31 – 7:00 p.m.: No help reqd.

Sun., Nov. 13 – 8:00 a.m.: Rick Reehl

10:30 a.m.: Dennis Loduha

Mon., Nov. 14 – 7:00 p.m.: No help reqd.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

MSP: To adjourn – 8:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Geisthardt

Church Council Secretary

Present: Pastor Goelzer, Rick Reehl, Tim Panzer, Dennis Loduha, Brian Miller, Dave Tetzlaff, Gary Seyfert, Paul Rhode, Joe Birschbach, and Dean Geisthardt

Absent: Barry Zuelke

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