

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting – January 4, 2010

Present: Karen Meyer, Mary Troseth, Jacob Hassing, Tim Grams, Paul Larson, Kevin Johnson, & Pastor Tom Koelln

Absent: Dawn Bourdeaux, Justin Anderson, and Kevin Kraabel, and Troy Anderson

- Devotions
- Opening prayer: Pastor Tom Koelln

Call to order by President Kevin Johnson

SECRETARIES REPORT: Review last month's minutes. Motion by Paul Larson to accept last month's minutes, 2nd by Mary Troseth. Vote 7 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

APPROVE THIS MONTH'S AGENDA:

MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST MONTH'S AGENDA: Motion by Paul Larson, 2nd by Mary Troseth, vote 7 yes, 0 no.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Checking balance \$13,997.00

PASTOR'S REPORT (Pastor Tom): Pastoral acts, 3 baptisms, 4 shut-in visits, 5 hospital visits. Begin Bible Studies on the Gospels January 12th, 2010. New member class on January 17th. New Member reception on January 24th. Annual meeting is on January 31st. Council retreat is on February 12th and 13th. Guest speaker Blair Anderson will discuss with us the relationship among church council, Pastor/staff/and congregation.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Benevolence, Troy paid CARE \$1,000.00; \$3,000.00 was sent to Synod, Women's bible study donated \$314.00 towards the use of the church and sent their thank-you's.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report.

BUILDING/GROUNDS: No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Endowment fund is up 3.2%. Balance \$32,978.90.

EVANGELISM: Will meet on Saturday.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Going to meet with Barry on his contract.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: No report.

STEWARDSHIP: No report.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: No report.

CORNERSTONE PRESCHOOL: Had Christmas concert and it went very well. They are starting to do registration.

THRIVENT: No report.

YOUTH: Meets January 5th.

WELCA: Meeting this month, but will not be having regular meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Repaying the church accounts, there is still \$400.00 in the Memorial fund. The Pew fund was used for chairs. Troy recommends leaving as is since the money was used for the church. Paul made a motion to move \$400.00 from the Memorial fund to the Endowment fund, and not pay back the Pew and Organ fund. 2nd by Karen Meyer, vote 7 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Bridge Builder's update. Chris Kotek explained the action plan. Three sub groups were created, Community and Healing, Strategy and Mission, and Handbook. Chris explained each subgroup, and some of the tasks they will be doing. The focus group will also be reviewing this January 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Back-up system – Chris Kotek recommends purchasing a back-up system to make sure all of the computer data can be saved. The cost is around \$600.00. Tim made a motion to purchase the equipment to back up the server. 2nd by Kevin Johnson, vote 7 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

BUDGET:

- Paul went over the budget and explained it to the Council. Mary Troseth made a motion to go forward with the budget, and present it to the Congregation at the Annual meeting. 2nd by Kevin Johnson, vote 7 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

Motion made by Tim to adjourn, 2nd by Kevin. Vote 7 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer by Pastor Tom Koelln.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Grams, Council Secretary