

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

**Meeting date: 4/15/07**

**Call to Order 12:44 pm**

**Roll Call:** All Council members present.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Barr   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tami Czerwonka   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Landis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hayes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Holman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Rife   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don Walker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Molly Hegenbarth | <input type="checkbox"/> Patti Smith  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor John | <input type="checkbox"/> Edie Maas        |                                       |

**Devotions:** Tom Hayes led devotions from the booklet "Living in God's Amazing Grace, Thanks be to God" with the theme of the devotion being "Living in Hope."

### **Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting:**

Rick Barr moved to accept previous minutes, Tami Czerwonka seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Edie Maas presented the treasurer's report Bill Holman moved to accept the treasurer's report, Chuck Landis seconded, motion passed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Molly Hegenbarth reported that during March 2007, Faith took in \$14,470.33, \$408.00 of which was designated giving. Currently, Faith needs \$14,912.00 per month to satisfy our budgeted needs. Molly notified us that the first quarter financial statements have been prepared and are available for individuals to pick up. Scott Rife moved to accept the financial secretary's report, Rick Barr seconded, motion passed.

**President's Report:** Tom has been looking over the church constitution and bylaws. Tom asked if someone would make an electronic copy of these documents. Scott Rife volunteered to complete this project with Pastor John's assistance. Tom also asked Molly Hegenbarth to review the synod guidelines for pastoral salary and benefits compensation. Molly Hegenbarth moved to accept the president's report, Tami Czerwonka seconded, motion passed.

### **Team Reports:**

**Stewardship Team:** Molly Hegenbarth presented the stewardship report. Thoughts have been entertained about starting a youth giving program. Giving could be collected in a large jar or bucket with the collections going toward a cause like "Bears for Love." This program provides stuffed animals to emergency squads that come in contact with children in need. Information was also shared about changes in the Meijer Rewards program. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, Meijer will only credit purchases made with a Meijer credit card or with cash. Individuals interested in participating with this program will have to re-enroll starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Worship & Music Team:** Next scheduled meeting, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Faith. Part of the meeting discussion might involve starting the ordering process of the new worship hymnals.

**Property Management Team:** Property received three bids and recommended that we go with Wolf Glass Company to replace the damaged window on the choir side of the sanctuary for \$246.60 Rick Barr seconded, motion passed. Property also recommended that the fence on the north side of our property at Lutz Lane be removed. This being due to the fact that the fence constantly has broken rails and proves to be hard to mow around. In exchange of the fence, holly bushes donated by Barb Brewster would be planted to border our property. Tami Czerwonka seconded the recommendation, motion passed. Pastor John suggested that in the future, the locks to the pastor's office and to the door from

his office to the church office be changed. It was also reported that Carol Taylor is interested in having a 220 outlet installed in the hallway where the dinner serving line usually is located. This new outlet could be used for the serving platform to help keep food warm. Lyle Gernand reported during church, that the sound system is working but reminded us that we are on a learning curve with this system. In the future a six cd recorder/rewriter would be nice to have. During last months meeting questions arose about a backup unit for our computers hard drive. Rick Barr reported that a "Raid Array" system would cost about \$125.00, could be easily installed and would constantly backup our computers hard drive so we would never lose computer data. Rick also recommended buying a thumb drive for about \$50.00 which would be another way to protect our computer information. Scott Rife moved that we accept these recommendations, Bill Holman seconded, motion passed.

**Parish Life & Outreach Team:** Thanks go out to some of Faith's members who helped organize and to those who attended the Bliss House Fund raiser. This event helped raise about \$11,000.00 for Bliss House.

**Youth:** The youth will once again be selling desserts at the Friday night Concerts in the Park this summer. Dates on the calendar, May 20<sup>th</sup>, a hot dog lunch after church, this is the last day of Sunday school. May 27<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Sunday. Finally, on July 7<sup>th</sup> the youth will go whitewater rafting in West Virginia.

**Christian Education Team:** Michelle Mitchell informed the Christian Ed committee that she would not be able to lead the Children's Church next year. Council would like to thank Michelle for her leadership in this program. Despite this news Christian Ed would like to continue this valuable program. Next year Children's Church might be organized into two age groups, one for children three years through kindergarten and the other group for children in first grade through third grade. In other news Christian Ed is looking into organizing a program for children in grades 1- 5. This program would operate similar to the youth group. Chuck Landis has volunteered to help with this program. Other volunteers are needed. Christian Ed also reported that there have been no new candidates for the nursery assistant position. Finally, Christian Ed recommended that Faith buy as gifts, bibles for the four exchange students that are a part of our congregation this year. These bibles will be printed in their native language. Chuck Landis moved to accept this recommendation, Patti Smith seconded, motion passed.

**Call Committee Team:** Will be interviewing a new candidate soon.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor shared his upcoming calendar with us. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> he will attend the South Central conference in Louisville at Calvary Lutheran. April 29<sup>th</sup> will find Pastor attending the annual confirmation camp at Lutheran Hills. Pastor will be on vacation the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>. Finally on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor will be attending the annual synod assembly. Pastor then talked about the CLM food drive. Council will challenge the congregation to donate staples and canned goods in excess of the combined total weight of the church council members. A chart will be displayed to track our progress.

**Old Business:** Letters were sent out February 7th to a list of inactive members to determine what membership status they desired with Faith. It was recommended that those that did not respond will have their names removed from the roles. Other members on the list that we were unable to contact will remain on the roles until they can be notified. Scott Rife moved to accept this recommendation, Chuck Landis seconded, motion passed.

**New Business:** No New Business

**Next Meeting:** The next council meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bill Holman moved that the meeting adjourn, Rick Barr seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Minutes Faithfully submitted,  
Scott Rife