

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting date: 7/20/08

Call to Order 11:49 pm

Roll Call: X indicates member(s) not present

<input type="checkbox"/> *Lyle Gernand	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred 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 Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Brewster	X **Jordan Emily

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Tom Hayes led Devotions from the booklet, Discovering Hope, "Catch the Spirit, Grow the Church." Tom also included a reading from Luke 11, 1-13

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: Bill Holman moved to accept the Council Minutes, Molly Hegenbarth seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lyle Gernand presented the Treasurer's report. Lyle's report included detailed information about checks that had been written during May and June. During his presentation Lyle questioned council on the need for two signatures on written checks. Much discussion followed. Bill Holman moved to give the treasurer the ability to write checks with no additional signatures up to \$2500.00, granted that council receive a detailed report of written checks each month. Don Walker seconded. Again much discussion followed. Tom Hayes reported that he could not find any article in our constitution or bylaws stating that we needed two signatures on written checks. Scott Rife reported that he had talked with a bank manager that said very few churches still require two signatures. Most only require two signatures if the written check total is above \$5000. Bill Holman amended his original motion to state that any checks over \$2000.00 needed two signatures and any unusual checks over \$1000.00 needed to be reported to the executive committee. Patti Smith moved to accept the amended motion, Fred Czerwonka seconded. Barb Brewster called the question. The amended motion passed 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

Financial Secretary's Report: Molly Hegenbarth reported that Faith had received \$17474.26 in non designated giving during June. Thanks go out to all who help with Faith's mission. Fred Czerwonka moved to accept the financial report, Chuck Landis seconded, and Motion passed.

President's Report: Tom reported that he attended the "Spirit Song" gathering at King's Island with many of Faith's youth.

Team Reports:

Stewardship Team: The Stewardship drive will begin sometime in October. Molly would like to incorporate some type of program to get the youth of the church involved.

Worship & Music Team: No recommendations. The Communion hymn will be back as a part of our service in the fall.

Property Management Team: No Recommendations. Bill Holman will contact Vectern and Duke Energy about budgeted billing. Many thanks go out to all who help maintain the property and grounds at Faith. Special thanks go out to those folks who pulled weeds on 7/16/08. Additional thanks go out to Mike Baugh and Lyle Gernand who worked on the storage shed, Bill Holman for repairing the ceiling in Pastors office and Gordon McCall for repairs to the air conditioning unit.

Christian Education Team: Although VBS attendance was lower than expected a great time was had by all. Sunday school will begin 9/14/08. Confirmation classes will begin on 9/3/08. Subjects for this year's confirmation class include Luther's Catechism and the Ten Commandments.

Youth: Many of Faith's youth went to "Spirit Song" at Kings Island. One of the next youth activities will be whitewater rafting the first weekend in August. The junior youth group will have an organizational meeting on August 3rd. The junior youth group includes children ages kindergarten – 5th grade.

Parish Life & Outreach Team: Pastor suggested that Faith come up with one or more people to be in charge of publicity for the church. These people would be asked to get more information out to the public about Faith's mission and what is happening behind our open doors. There will be a church picnic on September 14. More information will follow.

Mutual Ministry Team: Pastor suggested that the Mutual Ministry team be deferred until next year. No real issues have arisen yet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott talked about introducing an alternative service. The purpose of this service would be to reach out to some of our folks and the unchurched of the community. If implemented this service **would be in addition to and would not replace our traditional service.** Chuck Landis moved that we introduce this new contemporary service format on September 21st and October 19th and that a congregational survey about the service be included with the bulletins on those days. Scott Rife seconded, motion passed. Pastor reminded council that this service should be viewed as an outreach to those that aren't comfortable with our traditional service or the unchurched.

Old Business: Barb Brewster researched questions about the ownership of the land that McCulloch fire department occupies. Barb found that Faith sold the land to McCulloch in 1977 for \$1.00 and since then McCulloch has deeded the land over to Jeffersonville Township.

The Audit committee consisting of Barb Brewster, Fred Czerwonka, and Veronica Rife found the books to be in order. They did recommend that when the treasurer writes checks to AT&T that the phone number for which the check was written be included on the check stub.

New Business: No new Business.

Tom Hayes adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

Minutes Faithfully submitted,
Scott Rife

July 1, 2008

Faith Council:

The 2008 Audit Committee consisting of Council members Fred Czerwonka and Barb Brewster, and congregation member Veronica Rife, met Wednesday June 25 for the annual review of Faith's financial records. All debits and credits were accounted for, and the records were found to be in order. There were no major discrepancies.

Committee recommendation:

1. Since Faith receives separate bills from AT&T for our 2 lines, we recommend that the telephone number of the bill be shown on the check stub. This will eliminate confusion as to which bill has been paid, and will aid in future audits. We do not recommend combining the bills as this would most likely change our classification to business service and substantially increase our monthly charges.

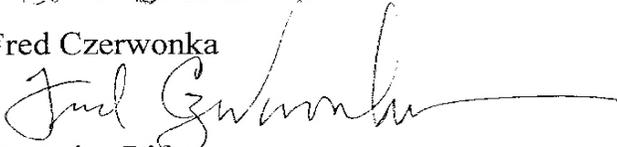
We commend Edie Maas on her years of service as Treasurer, and her organization made for a smooth audit.

In His Service,

Barb Brewster



Fred Czerwonka



Veronica Rife

