

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Meeting date: 2/8/09**

**Call to Order 12:10 pm**

**Roll Call:** X indicates member(s) not present

<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hayes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt McCoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Rife	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor
<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Parish	<input type="checkbox"/> Lyle Gernand	<input type="checkbox"/> Kate Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Holman*
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Brewster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Landis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will Czerwonka**

\* Denotes Congregational Treasurer \*\* Denotes Youth Liaison

**Devotions:** Tom Hayes led Devotions from the booklet, "Call To Lead"

**Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting:** Approval tabled pending receipt of minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Holman distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report. The bank balance as of 1/31/09 was \$14,282.63. Members commented that this balance is greater than at many times in the past. Kate Scott stated that the Council should explore ways to let more members know that they can give to Faith using a monthly automatic bank withdrawal. Lyle Gernand motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Eric Peter seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** No report.

**President's Report:** Tom reported on the contemporary service. Tom also said he completed his annual update of the files he uses for church purposes.

**Team Reports:**

**Stewardship Team:** No Report.

**Worship & Music Team:** Barb Brewster reported that the Worship & Music committee will be meeting on Wednesday 2/11

**Property Management Team:** Lyle Gernand reported that that a clean-up day inside the church will be held on 2/28, with a clean up day on the church grounds scheduled on 4/4.

Lyle also reported that in the wake of the recent ice storm and other power outages, a suggestion has been made to investigate the feasibility of installing a shower in the bathroom that leads to the boiler room. Lyle stated that this would enable the church to provide some shelter during such emergencies. Council agreed to look into the costs of installing a shower into the bathroom. Council will also look into what (if any) government regulations are involved in using the building for shelter during emergencies.

Lyle discussed a need for storage space for instruments and sound equipment associated with the contemporary service. Office dividers were looked into as a possibility but ruled out due to their inappropriateness for the sanctuary area. Lyle said he talked to Dan Diekoff about possibly designing a wooden accordion wall with a decorative

wooden gate that would enable appropriate storage for sound equipment. Council members discussed the impact of such an accordion wall on the rest of the space in the sanctuary.

**Christian Education Team:** Kate Scott reported that the Christian Education Team met on 1/26. Kate stated that Sunday Church School will use the same 4-teacher model in the fall, but will move the class for elementary school-aged children back to the 9:15 time. Kate said that attendance for the preschool class has been between 4-10 children, while the elementary-aged class typically has only 2 children. Kate also reported that, after looking at the results of a recent congregational survey, Lenten devotional materials have been ordered. In addition, a small number of copies of "The Little Lutheran" will be ordered.

Kate said the next VBS meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Donna Baugh will be working on the VBS theme song. The Christian Education Team is discussing logistics of the Easter morning breakfast. Kate reported that five children are now on the waiting list for Weekday Church School. Kate also discussed the possibility of repairing the intercom going into the nursery so that nursery staff could listen to the service. Eric Peter discussed the possibility of using a wireless technique instead.

**Youth:** Eric Peter reported that the broom ball event will be held next month. Eric stated that the peer ministry meeting has been moved back one week (one week previous to when it was scheduled).

**Parish Life & Outreach Team:** Scott Rife reported the Souperbowl Party was a huge success, and that Parish Life & Outreach may provide a similar event during the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

**Mutual Ministry Team:** Pastor reported that the Mutual Ministry Team met for the first time on January 19<sup>th</sup> and began reviewing the book Pastor & People (a text about mutual ministry). Members of the Mutual Ministry team are: Cathy Holman, Dick Klemens, and Bob Parish.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported he'd participated in in two recent ecumenical events during the Week of Christian Unity (the last week of January). He read a lesson at St. Augustine Church in New Albany, and preached at a Presbyterian ecumenical event.

Pastor has also been doing visitations. Pastor commended the congregation for how we care for everyone, and remarked that this was especially clear during the recent ice storm. Pastor remarked that the care we provide to each other in our congregation is exceptional. Pastor that the next step is to take on the challenge of caring for those outside our walls.

Pastor said the contemporary service (which has now been going on for five Saturdays) is going about as expected. Inclement weather has likely interfered with attendance on some Saturday evenings.

### **Old Business:**

Patti Smith and Rick Barr are working on the new church directories. The projected date for completion is early March. The last day for updated directory information was 2/8. Council has received at least two quotes for printing and binding of the directories, and will be gathering a third quote as well. Associate members and "Friends of Faith" (former Pastors or former members who have moved, for example) may also be included in the directory.

Kate Scott has volunteered to take on the responsibility of keeping our church sign updated on a regular basis. Pastor will assist her with this task.

**New Business:**

Council members signed up for committees. Committee assignments for 2009 are as follows:

Stewardship Team: Scott Rife and Matt McCoy

Worship & Music Team: Barb Brewster

Property Team: Lyle Gernand

Christian Education Team: Kate Scott

Youth Team: Eric Peter

Parish Life and Outreach Team: Chuck Landis and Nicole Parish

Mutual Ministry Team: Pastor

Council discussed getting a third quote for printing and binding of the directory

Council discussed recent expenses in boiler maintenance.

Council discussed assigning each Council member a "Shepherding List". This is a list of phone numbers that all Council members will receive that will be used in case Council needs to call all members of the church (for example, in the case of deaths or emergency meetings, etc.)

Council discussed the possibility of setting up a church email list.

Council discussed the need for a new survey of the congregation to determine what's going well and what is not going well (and suggestions for how to improve what is not going well). Kate Scott said she would look into appropriate surveys to use.

Kate Scott said she would like to host a faith-based support group for single parents or divorced/blended families once a month at Faith. Council provided approval to start the support group, and Kate will start looking into this.

Nicole Parish discussed three advertising solicitations Faith had received in the mail. Council decided not to pursue these advertising purchases at this time. Pastor stated that the most effective advertising tool we have is our web site.

A motion to allow Jana Henson to use church facilities on 2/14 for a baby shower passed unanimously.

Tom Hayes adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Next Council meeting: March 8th

Minutes Faithfully submitted,

Nicole Parish