

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting date: 4/19/09

Call to Order : 12:12 PM

Roll Call: X indicates member(s) not present

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

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Tom Hayes led Devotions from the booklet "Chosen and Sent"

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: Chuck Landis motioned to approve March's meeting minutes, Barb Brewster seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Holman delivered the Treasurer's Report. Bill showed a bar graph illustrating congregational income and expenses for March. Council discussed using the bar graph as an insert in an upcoming newsletter. Faith's bank balance as of the end of March was \$24,132.21.

Barb Brewster moved that the Treasurer's Report be filed subject to audit ("approved"). Eric Peter seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed rolling over an existing Certificate of Deposit into a new Certificate of Deposit. Two options were discussed (a 12 month option and a 15 month option with greater interest). Eric Peter moved Council roll the funds from the existing CD into a 15 month CD at an interest rate of 2.73% a.p.y.; Matt McCoy seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Holman said that there a great many bill statements kept on file at Faith. Bill stated he'd spoken to Pastor about this and Pastor suggested keeping bill statements for three years, and shredding any bill statement older than that. Bill motioned that this become the practice for Faith's retention of bill statements. Chuck Landis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed various options for possibly linking Faith's checking account to a debit card (or "credit debit card") to enable online bill pay and decrease the need for the church secretary to be reimbursed for purchases of postage, etc. Council also discussed possibly obtaining a pre-paid credit card on which a relatively small amount could be designated for church expenses. Chuck Landis suggested tabling this discussion until the next Council meeting, and Council agreed to do so.

Council discussed the need to better define the rate of pay for supply Pastors who substitute for Pastor Scott when he is on vacation. Council discussed the amount budgeted for this expense and the customary amount paid to supply Pastors. Barb Brewster motioned to set the rate at \$150 per Sunday. Eric Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report: Scott Rife was not in attendance, but a partial summary of contributions for the period of March and two weeks of April 2009 was provided. Faith needs to receive average giving of \$3,236 per week to meet expenses. Giving for the month of March averaged about \$3,600. Scott's report for March did not include data for 3/22/09 (when Scott was out of town). This data will be included in a second draft of the report. Giving for the first two weeks of April averaged about \$3800.

Eric Peter moved to table approval of the report until next month, pending amendments (inclusion of data from 3/22). Chuck Landis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: No report

Team Reports:

Stewardship Team: No report

Worship & Music Team: Barb Brewster reported that Faith held a successful Maundy Thursday Seder Supper, with 65 people in attendance. Barb reported that 31 Easter lilies were donated by members of Faith. Barb reported that she will be beginning the process of obtaining geraniums for Pentecost. Barb reported the cost for geraniums was \$6 each last year and may also be \$6 this year. Barb said a flier about Pentecost geraniums may be inserted in an upcoming newsletter or service leaflet

Property Management Team:

Bill Holman reported that the Property Management Team had a successful cleaning day on the April 4th; Bill wanted to thank Mike Baugh, Fred & Will Czerwonka, Peg & Lyle Gernand for providing pizza for all the workers, Jim and Molly Hegenbarth for renting the bush-hog and ladder to cut down the large tree limbs, Chuck & Tyler Landis, Matt McCoy, Bob Parish, Scott, Veronica, and Katie Rife, and all others who helped out that day.

Bill reported that Faith's parking lot will need to be sealed at the end of September and that he will begin the process of getting estimates for this work.

Bill reported that the insect problem in the kitchen is being addressed, and that the exterminator will come back as many times as needed to spray for insects.

Barb Brewster discussed the need to repair the carpet in the choir room. Barb reported some parts of the carpet have become lumped together or shredded. Bill reported that the Property Management Team will look into estimates (with Simpson and the Bradley Outlet as two possible providers).

Christian Education Team: No report

Youth: Whitney Hayes reported that Youth raised almost \$400 at the Easter breakfast. She reported that 13-14 youth are expected to go to Lutheran Hills on Friday 4/24

Whitney reported that peer ministry graduation will be held Saturday 5/16 at Faith. Whitney reported nine youth are graduating from peer ministry. Whitney reported that confirmation graduation will be held on 5/24, and a New Orleans meeting that day as well. Whitney reported that a New Orleans parents meeting will be held on 6/28.

Parish Life & Outreach Team (P.L.O.T.):

Chuck Landis reported that P.L.O.T. will start back to monthly meetings (the fourth Sunday of the month), starting on Sunday 4/26.

Tom Hayes said that Faith can go back to advertising in The Coffee News every month (a decision had previously been made to change to every-other month).

Barb Brewster discussed the need to replace our metal road sign at the corner of 10th Street and Allison Lane (the sign has been struck, and has a significant amount of tape on it from people using it to mount yard sale signs). Council also discussed obtaining a new sign for the other end of Allison Lane. Council discussed that Synod may be able to send us a design for the sign. Chuck Landis stated he would call the street department to investigate if there are any legal restrictions regarding replacing the street signs.

Tom Hayes made a motion to have Bill Holman look into purchasing signs for both ends of Allison Lane, and if the cost of both signs does not exceed \$500, to go ahead and make the purchase. Barb Brewster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mutual Ministry Team: no report (Pastor on vacation)

Pastor's Report: no report (Pastor on vacation)

Old Business: Chuck Landis reported on the results of an audit of Faith's checking account completed by Chuck, Don Smith, and Matt McCoy. All was found to be in order.

New Business: Matt McCoy discussed possibly introducing a New Member Reception occasionally during social.

Tom Hayes adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Next Council meeting: May 10th

Minutes Faithfully submitted,

Nicole Parish