

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting date: 7/ 12/09

Call to Order: 12:21 p.m.

Roll Call: X indicates member(s) not present

<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hayes	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Chuck Landis	X Will Czerwonka**

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Tom Hayes led Devotions starting with, Psalm 62: 1-8; Tom followed the Psalms reading with a reading from the book Power Surge ; The Six Critical Marks of Leadership .

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Bill Holman delivered the Treasurer's report with statements for May and June. Faith's checking balance as of 6/30/09 was \$23,248.93.

Scott Rife asked a question about the impact of Faith's adopting a "budget billing" option for the electric bill. This billing option provides for a predictable electric bill and eliminates seasonal spikes in utility costs. Council discussed that the June electric bill accrued costs of \$360 but that a payment of \$421 was due as a result of the budget billing. Council discussed that the low usage costs may have resulted from the unseasonably cool June. Council discussed that reconciliation between the amount billed and costs accrued will happen at the end of the year.

Scott Rife motioned for approval of the Treasurer's report. Kate Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report: Scott Rife provided giving statistics for April, May, & June 2009. Faith needs \$3,625.35 per week to meet our 2009 budget. April giving averaged \$3,287.73 per week, May giving averaged \$3,306.74 per week. June giving dropped, averaging only \$2837.82/per week. Giving numbers include all gifts received, including designated gifts.

Kate Scott asked that Council remind members about the Simply Giving automatic bank withdrawal method of giving to faith. Scott said that a recent newsletter article had addressed this.

Chuck Landis motioned to approve the Financial Secretary's report. Matt McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

President's Report: Tom Hayes stated concern regard decreasing attendance this summer. Pastor commented that the decrease in gas prices may be leading more people to vacation this summer compared to last summer.

Team Reports:

Stewardship Team: Scott Rife reported that he was researching stewardship campaigns on the ELCA website, and that he would consult with Pastor regarding suggestions for the stewardship campaign. Council discussed that the stewardship campaign usually beings at the end of October, with collection occurring in November. Stewardship pledges are necessary in order to guide the budget process. Scott said he will be approaching members to give talks about stewardship as part of the campaign.

Council also discussed that budget requests for committee needs are due by the end of October.

Worship & Music Team: No report. Bard Brewster said she would have more information next month.

Property Management Team: Lyle Gernand reported several property management matters:

Insect problems: Lyle said that the church continues to have problems with termites and ants. Carol Taylor had stated to Council that she was going to call the exterminator about this. Lyle reported that new termite traps have been put out, and that the exterminator should be coming once a month due to the infestation. Lyle stated it would also be important for the exterminator to spray outside as well as inside.

Lawnmower: Chuck Landis will be working on the lawnmower.

Air conditioning unit: Gordon McCall will be rebuilding the fan in the air conditioning unit. Council also discussed ways to address condensation from the air conditioning unit adhering to the building and possibly leading to damage to the building.

Maintenance Agreement for Boiler: A new company (Ware) has been selected to provide maintenance for the boiler. Boiler maintenance will cost \$500 per year. The boiler will be switched over to heating in October.

Windows in the Nursery/Preschool Area: Council discussed that the glazing on the windows in the nursery/preschool area is gone and that the windows can often be quite drafty. Council discussed the possibility of window repair or replacement. Kate Scott discussed the possibility of installing windows that included screen windows. Council agreed to begin investigating costs associated with this and obtaining quotes.

Choir Room Carpet: Council discussed that the carpet in the choir room has been fixed and the door has been fixed.

Door/ Entry Way to Social Hall: Council discussed replacing the wall/doors behind the piano in the social hall. Dan Diekhoff has stated he may be able to work on this in the future.

Review & Vote on Estimates to Clean Carpet in Church Sanctuary:

Barb Brewster said she'd collected three estimates for cleaning the carpet in the sanctuary, the narthex, and the two offices.

Sears provided an estimate of \$294,

Coit provided an estimate of \$312.25 for the sanctuary (including under and around pews) and narthex,

Coit provided a separate estimate of \$212.44 for the sanctuary and narthex (excluding) areas under and around pews.

Coit also provided a separate estimate of \$44.50 for the offices.

Stanley Steamer provided an estimate of \$325 for the sanctuary and narthex,

Stanley Steamer provided a separate estimate of \$100 for offices, and also discussed the option of scotch guarding the carpeting for an extra \$140.

Council discussed the pros and cons of each estimate, discussing cost and discussing previous experience Council members have had with the quality of cleaning provided by the companies. Lyle Gernand motioned to hire Coit to provide the carpet cleaning (to include the areas under the pews). Chuck Landis seconded the motion. Tom Hayes, Scott Rife, Pastor Meier, Nicole Parish, Lyle Gernand, Kate Scott, Bill Holman, Eric Peter, Barb Brewster, and Chuck Landis voted for the motion. Matt McCoy voted against the motion, favoring the estimate from Stanley Steamer. The motion to hire Coit passed.

Floor Care Tom Hayes reported that he would be working to strip, re-wax, and buff the floors July 26, 27, 28, and 29. Tom said he would need 3-4 other people to help. Chuck Landis said he could assist Tom during this project.

Christian Education Team: Kate Scott reported that Faith held a successful Vacation Bible School, and that the VBS met their goal of \$500 to provide a heifer for a needy family abroad. VBS attendance decreased slightly compared to attendance last year.

Kate reported that there will be a meeting at John and Carol Taylor's home on Tuesday 7/14 to discuss preschool. Sunday Christian School will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. The scheduling will likely be changed so that older children (3rd grade and up) will start Sunday School at 9:15.

Eric Peter reported that Lisa Peter will now be nursery assistant on Sundays;

Youth: Eric Peter discussed that the youth are at "full steam" preparing for the Gathering in New Orleans. Departure will take place on Tuesday 7/21/09 and the youth will be traveling via bus. Opportunities are being made available for youth to also have gatherings with other youth in our area.

A commissioning service for the youth departing for New Orleans will take place on 7/19/09

Parish Life & Outreach Team: Chuck Landis reported that the next P.L.O.T. meeting will be held on Sunday 7/26.

Chuck said that on June 13th P.L.O.T. held a cookout and 37-40 people attended.

The next P.L.O.T. event will be a hog roast and movie night Saturday 7/18.

Council discussed other possible events such as a swim party at the Elks Pool and other possible events for Rally Day.

Mutual Ministry Team: The Mutual Ministry team will be meeting on Monday 7/20

Pastor's Report: Pastor provided a report to Council on the status of visits to members of the congregation. Pastor reported the members he has already visited, members he was scheduling visits with, and a member he had visited in the hospital.

Pastor reported that recent highlights included the Confirmation of Jack Hayes, Whitney Hayes, Caitlyne Fox, and Eric Miller. Pastor also reported the Synod Assembly, Vacation Bible School, and the outdoor picnic and worship as recent highlights of his ministry at Faith.

Pastor briefly discussed the upcoming meetings with members of the congregation at Country Club Estates. The congregation has been divided, alphabetically, into three groups. Pastor reported that the second meeting (for members with last names starting after "Hegenbarth" through the first part of members with last names starting with "R") will be held on 9/17.

The second part of the "R"s through the end of the alphabetical congregation list will be held on 11/12.

Members should be aware that if they are unable to attend on their assigned night they are welcome to attend on one of the other nights.

Old Business: Council discussed the need for a new sign on Allison Lane to replace the old sign. Council discussed that a sign may be available from Augsburg Fortress and that it may not be an item listed on the website, we may need to consult the catalog.

Council discussed the matter of sealing the parking lot, and agreed to table the matter until next spring (tentatively, May or June of 2010). Council discussed that it was too late to arrange for the sealing this year. After estimates are collected next spring a congregational meeting will be held to discuss possible costs and vote on the matter.

Council discussed the problem of weeds in the front area outside the church.

New Business:

Pastor discussed a recent visit from a copier company regarding our printing needs. Pastor and Council agreed that Faith should continue to work with our current printer, but that we could keep the other printing company in mind if we ever come to a point of reassessing our printing needs.

Tom Hayes adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Next Council meeting: August 9th

Minutes Faithfully submitted,

Nicole Parish