

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Meeting date: 8/9/09**

**Call to Order : 11:45**

**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	X Kate Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Holman*
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Peter**	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Brewster	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Landis	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Czerwonka**

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

**Devotions:** Tom Hayes led Devotions from John Chapter 3;

**Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting:** Matt McCoy motioned to approve the minutes, Eric Peter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Holman provided the treasurer's report. As of 8/5/09 Faith had a checking balance of \$22,062.78 and a savings balance of \$14,918.30. Bill provided an additional report demonstrating that for the month of July, expenses exceeded income. Council discussed summer decreases in attendance and giving as possible explanations for the July deficit. Bill stated that Faith's gas bill has been decreasing. Chuck Landis motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Matt McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Scott Rife stated that June giving averaged \$2837.82 per week (this includes designated funds, but does not include "simply giving" – automatic bank withdrawal – contributions); July giving averaging \$2973.66 per week (both of these are short of the \$3625.35 per week Faith needs to meet our 2009 budget); Lyle Gernand motioned to approve the financial secretary's report. Chuck Landis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Tom Hayes reported that in late July he and the rest of the Hayes family stripped and waxed the tile floors. Council expressed their appreciation to the Hayes family for their hard work.

**Team Reports:**

**Stewardship Team:** Scott Rife reported that 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial statements will be available soon. Council also discussed that committee budget requests need to be in by the end of October. Scott stated that some individuals have already expressed an interest in giving stewardship talks, and that he is reviewing options for the stewardship campaign.

**Worship & Music Team:** Barb stated that she will be starting the choir back up soon. Pastor stated that starting Rally Day, Faith will go back to using Setting 3 in the maroon ELW book for the Sunday service. For the summer, Faith has been using setting 10. Barb discussed that the piano can be used as an organ, and that she will go back to using it as an organ in the fall.

**Property Management Team:**

Several property management topics were discussed:

**Boiler:** Bill Holman provided a certificate of inspection for the boiler. Lyle Gernand stated that the Ware service agreement for the boiler will cost \$500/year (he is not sure if that will be billed \$500 at once or \$250 in two installments). Lyle reported that a bypass valve is going to be getting changed.

**Ants in kitchen:** Lyle reported that there have not been a significant number of ants seen lately in the kitchen, so Faith does not need to call the exterminator again for the time being. Barb Brewster stated she did see a couple of ants in the sink in the sacristy.

**Windows in the preschool:** No estimates yet

**Doors/walls into social hall:** Dan Diekhoff is planning/designing the doors.

**Additional issues:** Council discussed that the lights in the sanctuary dim when AC comes on, and that this may need to be looked into. Council discussed that it is not clear if the spot light on the sign is still out. The dimmer switch near where the choir sits slips, and that this may need some repair.

**Christian Education Team:**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 8/18 for Sunday Church School teachers. Faith still needs volunteers to teach Sunday Church School. Faith will be purchasing a new curriculum for this year's Sunday school.

Pastor discussed the state of the incoming confirmation class. Pastor stated that the instruction is more effective if the youth meet as a group, and stated that if the age requirements are left the way they are now Faith would only have one young person in confirmation this year. Pastor asked Council to consider a motion to temporarily (only for this confirmation class) decrease the age requirement by one year. Pastor stated that topics that require a heightened degree of maturity can be discussed in the second year of confirmation when the youth are in seventh grade.

Scott Rife asked Pastor if there were anything preventing Faith from making this change. Pastor stated that this would not be a change we'd want to make for every class, but is a one-time change only. Pastor motioned that the age requirements for this year's incoming confirmation class be decreased by one year. Tom Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Preschool is currently full. Preschool will start the Thursday after Labor Day. There will be a parent meeting the week before school starts.

**Youth:**

Will Czerwonka reported that the youth were going to Kart Kountry today.

Eric Peter reported that the youth will have a pool party on August 23, and will be meeting with other South Central Conference youth on September 13 (after Rally Day activities). Eric also reported on the recent trip to New Orleans.

Scott Rife stated that the ELCA website also has information on this. Eric reported that the youth will be putting together a presentation with pictures and testimonials on August 30.

Eric reported that there were 37,000 youth gathered at the event. Eric said that the service aspect of the trip was phenomenal. Eric reported that all the youth from the event were involved in over 150 work sites and completed an estimated 50 man years of labor in four days. Eric said that the Mayor of New Orleans was there on Friday night and that President Obama sent a letter recognizing Lutheran youth for their dedication to service.

Eric reported that he and Lisa enjoyed spending time with youth and will be stepping up their efforts to work with youth in the future.

Eric and Barb Brewster reported that the concerts in the park have been going fairly well. Barb said the last one in August is not yet covered, and that Faith needs a volunteer to assist with selling the concessions.

**Parish Life & Outreach Team:**

Chuck Landis reported that the hog roast was very successful, with 57 people attending. Chuck reported that rally day will be held on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> with lunch right after church. Corn hole and other yard games, euchre, etc. will be available.

PLOT is still planning to replace our sign on Allison Lane.

**Mutual Ministry Team:**

Pastor reported that the Mutual Ministry Team is working on a visitor's packet. Pastor said that the visitors would be handed a visitor packet by the greeter when they come in, with an information form for them to fill out.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported visiting with three members of the congregation and outreaching to one additional member by phone.

**Old Business:** Council discussed that books have been removed from bookshelves during recent cleaning activities and need to be re-shelved. Council stated that this should be discussed with Carol Taylor so to make sure the books are returned to their proper location.

**New Business:** Barb Brewster stated she would likely be taking vacation on the following Sundays: 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, and 10/25

Tom Hayes adjourned the meeting at: 12:30

Next Council meeting: September 9/20 (this will be the third Sunday, delayed one week due to Rally Day on 9/13).

Minutes Faithfully submitted,

Nicole Parish