

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes: February 14, 2010

Prior to the meeting being called to order, the council reviewed a congregation member survey put together by Kate Scott. Kate will use the feedback provided to produce a final questionnaire to be distributed to the congregation to gather feedback.

Eric Peter suggested that the survey be mailed out with the monthly newsletter in addition to being passed out during church to try to gather candid feedback from members unable to attend services.

Kate suggested the idea of the church placing a Facebook ad. The idea was not further discussed however was tabled for discussion in a future meeting.

At that time, Kate had to dismiss herself and was not able to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Call to order: President, Lyle Gernand officially called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Were read by Lyle from Chosen and Sent. ELCA 2006 Guide

Roll Call: Present Lyle Gernand, Barb Brewster, Jim Hagenbarth, Veronica Rife, Matt McCoy, Pastor Scott, Stephanie Andrews, Kate Scott, Eric Peter**, Nicole Parish; **Not Present:** Bill Holman*, Youth Rep.

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer **Denotes Youth Liaison

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: There were no official minutes from the council retreat. Review of outstanding items from previous meeting: Determine how to handle future memorial donations to the church. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasures' Report: Lyle Gernand provided the Treasurer's report prepared by Bill Holman.

- The first chart provided monthly income and expenses 1/10/2010 through 02/08/2010. The income was \$ 61,986.40. (\$ 11,986.40 offering, \$ 50,000 Condra Memorial gift) Expenses for this period were \$ 15,924.22. Excluding the \$ 50,000 Condra Memorial gift, for the period of 01/10/2010 through 02/08/2010 \$ 11,986.40 (income) less \$15,924.22 (expenses) = - (\$ 3,937.82)

The following accounts were reconciled and the 01/31/2010 ending account balances were as follows: Education / Sabbatical Fund: \$ 7,588.61.

Your Community Bank Savings Account: \$ 16,846.58.

Non-Budgeted Checking Account: \$ 1,029.29.

Faith Lutheran Church Checking Account: \$ 20,579.47***

***Approx. \$5,000 reflected in the balance of the Faith Lutheran Church Checking Account includes funds from the Keith Cox Memorial. Barb Brewster mentioned she was trying to locate an address to contact the family for permission to use some or all of these funds towards to purchase of new widows for the building.

- The monthly budget for 1/1/2010 through 1/31/2010 was reviewed. The amount budgeted for this period was \$ 14,511.42. The actual expenses totaled \$ 14,563.63. The difference between actual and budgeted amounts was (\$ 52.21).

A motion was made and seconded for the treasurer's report to be filed subject to audit ("accepted"). The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Secretary's Report: Eric reported that giving is down for the 2010 year so far. We are going a bit into the negative.

It was discussed that in the March 2010 council meeting there should be training for all council members to learn how to do counting for offering.

President's Report: Lyle reported that he was working on his presentation to the Congregation for February 20, 2010.

Committee Reports

1) Stewardship – No Report.

2) Worship and Music – Barb Brewster reported that Lenten Season services will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm; Soup and Sandwiches will be served at 6:00 pm prior to each service starting Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

Plans for Holy week will include a Maundy Thursday service and a Good Friday service.

3) Property Management – Jim Hagenbarth reported that the February "Souper Bowl Party" was a success thanks to the hard work of Rick Barr and the Landis team for running cable and network cable to the Social Hall and Youth Activity Room. THANKS so much guys!!

Property is currently acquiring bids for window replacement in the pre-school room.

March 20th will be the annual Spring Clean up prior to Easter. This will be for interior clean up. An exterior clean up work day is expected to be scheduled for sometime in April.

4) Christian Education –Christian Education will meet February 26, 2010 at 7:00.

5) Youth – Eric Peter reported that the Youth will be playing Broomball Friday, February 19, 2010. They are expecting six youth from our Congregation to attend.

The Laser Tag event had good attendance went well.

The Youth will meet next on March 7, 2010.

6) Parish Life and Outreach Team (PLOT) – Matt McCoy reported that the Second Annual Super Bowl party was a big hit. Many of the youth were in attendance.

7) Mutual Ministry – The Mutual Ministry team will meet in March.

8) Volunteer Coordinator - Veronica Rife reported that there are enough volunteers signed up through the end of February 2010.

Pastor's Report: Visits – Billie Williams, Dorothy Clerici and Mary Roederer; Hospital Visit – Norma Boehme

Events: Super Bowl Party; Council Retreat

Upcoming Events: Ash Wednesday and Lent

March 13, 2010 - Synod Workshop on Worship Faith Lutheran will host.

WELCA is providing lunch. Synod will pay \$10.00 per registrant toward the cost of lunch.

April 30 – May 2 is the confirmation retreat at Lutheran Hills (Derby weekend).

May 16, 2010 is a vacation Sunday for Pastor. Dan Diekoff will be filling in.

Old Business

- Council Members reviewed a letter written by Pastor Scott to be sent to members who have not Communed or Contributed in the last two years. The letter asks members to provide feedback on a questionnaire card provided.
- Half of the envelopes that had not been picked up were delivered by the Sunday school class. Council is working on a plan for how to deliver the other half.
- Fred Czerwonka has agreed to be a non-council member of the Audit Committee.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to invest the remaining balance of the Condra memorial into a one year CD using the interest earned to be used for camper scholarships.

A memorial to the Condras was discussed. Dan Diekoff has volunteered to draw up designs for decorative doors to replace the glass doors going into the social hall and for wall hangings for both sides of the cross in the sanctuary.

New Business

- A council member was approached by a member of the congregation regarding advertising in the monthly newsletter. After some discussion, it was determined that given the additional resources required, a nominal fee of \$10.00 per month should be charged. This fee will provide a set amount of space to advertise a business or service to the congregation. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to put a sample ad and write up in the March newsletter announcing the idea.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to let the youth representative give his or her report prior to the council meeting being called to order.
- Matt McCoy mentioned that Kirsten McCoy has been accepted to be a camp counselor. Congratulations to Kirsten.
- Lutheran Hills will be having an Open House Breakfast on April 24, 2010.
- “The Little Lutheran” publication was passed around and considered by council. At this time, it was decided to not participate in sponsoring subscriptions as a church.

A council member had been approached regarding recognition of new members. Pastor Scott reported that formal recognition was up to the new member’s discretion.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Faithfully submitted by Stephanie Andrews, Secretary