

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting date: 3/14/10

Call to Order – Lyle Gernand called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: X indicates member(s) not present

<input type="checkbox"/> Lyle Gernand	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Brewster	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Hegenbarth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Rife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt McCoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Scott
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Andrews	<input type="checkbox"/> Kate Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> *Bill Holman
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Peter	<input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Parish	<input type="checkbox"/> **Samantha McCoy

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Lyle Gernand led Devotions from the booklet, “Chosen and Sent”; today’s reading “God’s leaders are Tested.”

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: Jim Hegenbarth moved to accept the Council Minutes from February’s Council Meeting. Nicole Parish seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Holman presented the Treasurer’s report for the 02/01/10 – 02/28/10 period. After reconciliation, ending account balances were as follows: Education/ Sabbatical Fund \$ 7,880.61; Your Community Bank Savings \$ 62,163.37; Non-Budgeted Checking

\$ 1,029.29, Faith Lutheran Church Checking \$ 19,402.06. Eric Peter made a motion to move \$25,000 of the Condra Memorial Fund into a 13 month CD with Your Community Bank and to leave the remaining \$20,000 of the fund in savings to be available for two proposed memorial projects. Kate Scott seconded, motion passed. Keith Cox gave permission to use the Cox Memorial gift towards improvements to the church. Eric moved to accept the Treasurer’s report subject to audit, Kate seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary’s Report: Eric gave the Financial Secretary’s report. Eric noted that the giving is down. Giving is ranging in the \$2,500 -\$2,900 range per week. Barb Brewster moved to accept the Financial Secretary’s report, Nicole Parish seconded, motion passed.

President’s Report: Lyle reported he had attended a Christian Education Meeting in February. He, Pastor Scott, Patti Smith and Carol Taylor had their first Staff Meeting and plan to meet once a month until the agenda is cleared. He also reported that he attended the first Visitation Committee meeting. The Visitation Committee ordered door hangers and are planning to canvas the surrounding neighbors to distribute them prior to Easter. Thank you to Beverly Haire, Amy Holaday and Arlys Johnson for providing lunch for the Indiana Kentucky Synod Workshop that was hosted by Faith on March 13th. Eric moved to accept the President’s report, Nicole seconded, motion passed.

Team Reports

Stewardship Team: No Report

Worship & Music Team: The Pascal Candle has been ordered for the new Pascal Candle holder. Maundy Thursday service will be a traditional service including Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar. On Good Friday there will be the prayer vigil from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm and service will begin at 7:00.

Property Management Team: Two bids were presented for work to paint the sanctuary and the exterior of the two red entry doors. One bid was \$1,500 which included painting the entire Sanctuary and the doors. The second bid was \$450. It included the front wall of the Sanctuary and front doors. Jim said that the property team considered painting only the front wall because the entire Sanctuary was painted 5 years ago. Eric motioned to go with the \$450 option for interior painting and painting of exterior red doors, Kate seconded, motioned passed. Bids were taken for pressure washing of the exterior brick. One was \$750 and \$500. Barb motioned to go with the \$500 bid, Eric seconded, motioned passed. A final bid came in of \$1,560 to replace one window in the lobby and one window in each

of the large classrooms. Kate motioned to go with the \$1,560 bid to replace the three widows, Barb seconded, motion passed. The cost of the of widow replacements, painting and pressure washing totaling \$2,510 will be funded by the Cox Memorial. Dan Diekhoff presented the "Sanctuary Remodeling Proposal" to Council on February 28th. This proposal included the addition of stained glass lighting surrounding the brick on the altar wall as well as the addition of a wall hanging to be placed between the Altar and choir seating area. Barb motioned to accept Dan Diekhoff's proposal for a Condra Memorial involving alterations to the Altar wall of the church. All designs are subject to congregation approval and alterations including the addition of a wall hanging above the Baptismal Font. The designs for this project will be presented and available to the entire congregation at a future time. In addition to the above proposal, Dan Diekhoff presented a second proposal involving replacing the doors to the Social Hall in Emma Schoen Hall. The 8 existing doors would be replaced with doors made using the Marquetry technique. Discussions are still ongoing regarding the second proposal. Exterior Cleanup is expected to be scheduled for some time in April, weather permitting.

Christian Education Team: VBS dates have been changed to the week of 07/12 – 07/16/2010 due to snow days extending the school year. The theme will be "Camp Faith". Plans are being made for a possible overnight for the 3rd- 5th graders on the Thursday night of VBS. Children's Sunday school is going to be moving to 9:15 beginning in the fall. Nursery services will continue to be offered for any children birth – kindergarten during worship service. "Sunday School on the Web" was presented to Council and discussed. Further development by the Christian Ed team was requested. Additional discussion is expected at a future Council Meeting. Funds in excess of \$500 in the Noisy Offering account are going to be used for Lutheran Hills Camp Scholarships. These scholarships are open to any church member's child or grandchild interested in going to camp. Council requested that financial information for the Noisy Offering to appear in either the Christian Ed or Youth section of the newsletter. Information requested would include funds taken in and funds spent. The demand for Weekday Church School appears to be significant, based on the number of children registered for next year. Additional discussion is needed to determine how to meet the high demand from the Community.

Youth: Easter Breakfast will be served by the Youth April 4th 9:30 – 10:00. Lutheran Hills retreat will be April 30th – May 2nd all youth in confirmation class and older are welcome to attend. Dates for the 30 hour famine at Christ Lutheran have been changed to May 14th and 15th. During the 30 hour famine, the youth will be volunteering with Loaves and Fishes.

Parish Life & Outreach Team: No report.

Mutual Ministry Team: Will meet on March 22nd.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he has visited the following people: Billie Williams, Dorothy Clerici and Mary Roederer. He has sent three Visitor Thank You cards. Highlights from the month included Ash Wednesday Service, Christian Ed Meeting, WELCA Sunday, Girl Scout Sunday and the Synod Worship Workshop. Upcoming events include the Bishop's Chrism Mass on 3/17/2010 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and Holy Week Services.

Old Business: Council discussed moving announcements and passing the guest registry to the end of service. Eric moved that on a trial basis, we move announcements and passing the guest registry to after the Benediction and before the last Hymn. Jim seconded, motion passed

New Business: It was suggested to a member of council for Communion to be intinction three out of four Sundays per month. Council discussed and decided starting after Easter, intinction will be used all four Sundays and individual cups will no longer be offered. Intinction at the rail will be offered one Sunday each month. From letters sent to inactive members, three families responded by returning cards requesting to be removed from our Member/ Associate Member records. Kate moved that we remove the families requesting removal, Eric seconded, motion passed.

Lyle Gernand adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. Next Council meeting: April 11th

Minutes faithfully submitted,

Stephanie Andrews