

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Meeting date: 9/19/10

Call to Order – Lyle Gernand called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.

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 type="checkbox"/> Matt McCoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Scott
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> *Bill Holman
<input type="checkbox"/> Eric Peter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Woehrle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> **Youth Liaison

* Denotes Congregational Treasurer ** Denotes Youth Liaison

Devotions: Lyle Gernand led Devotions from the booklet, "Chosen and Sent"; today's reading "God's leaders are Forgiven."

Approval of Minutes from previous Council Meeting: Jim Hegenbarth moved to accept the August Council Minutes. Barb Brewster seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Holman presented the Treasurer's report for the period of 8/1/2010 – 8/31/2010. For the period ending 8/31/2010 total income was \$14,050.90 and expenses were \$13,517.49. After reconciliation, ending account balances were as follows: Education/ Sabbatical Fund \$ 9,633.17; Your Community Bank Savings \$ 34,723.81; Non-Budgeted Checking

\$ 1,008.06, Faith Lutheran Church Checking \$ 7,025.14. Jim moved to file the Treasurer's report subject to audit, Barb seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report: Eric Peter presented year to date figures showing Offering vs. Budget. Year to date giving through 9/12/2010 was \$111,004.34. The year to date budget through 9/12/2010 was \$119,732. The year to date Offering vs. Budget deficit is \$8,727.66. The focus will be on the upcoming stewardship drive in the fall. Matt McCoy moved to accept, Barb Brewster seconded, motion passed. Following his report, Eric excused himself from the meeting as he as he was unable to stay.

President's Report: Lyle reported that he had the opportunity to watch the Alter Beautification project installation while it was going on. On August 26th, Lyle, Jim and Pastor attended the "Discipleship and Assimilation" seminar led by Charles Lake at the Eli Lilly Center for Congregations in Seymour Indiana. Lyle also reported that since the last Council meeting he had attended a staff meeting, Thursday Bible Study and an Evangelism Council Meeting.

Team Reports

Stewardship Team: The Stewardship drive is coming up in October and is expected to wrap up by Reformation Sunday, October 31st when Pledge Cards will be collected. Cards will start being provided to the Congregation on Sunday, October 17th.

Worship & Music Team: Barb reported she will be out 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17, arrangements have been made for music in her absence. Pastor Scott reported that they plan to switch to Setting 1 for Advent and continue with it through Epiphany. Council discussed Christmas Eve Services. It was suggested that all spend some time thinking about it and get others opinions prior to making a final decision in the October Council meeting.

Property Management Team: Jim Hegenbarth reported that the property team is working on a formal request form for the Property Team. Some of the property team's to do's include updating the lighting and adding two new exhaust fans in the rear woman's restroom, removing the remaining old trees from the side lot, updating lighting in the Janitor's closet, work on exterior lighting problems and replacing missing vinyl canopy piece. The Emma Schoen Hall doors are expected to be replaced by the new doors around the first week of November. Whitney Hayes and Pastor Scott discussed with the Council a project for having the phrases "Enter to Worship" and "Go to Serve" painted on the interior and exterior of above the doors of the Sanctuary. Samples will be presented in the October Council meeting.

Christian Education Team: Carol Taylor held teacher's training on September 11th and 12th. Seven people attended the training sessions. Day School classes began September 9th. There are a total of 53 students enrolled and 11 children on the waiting list. Children's Sunday School has 4 teachers who will be teaching in a rotation, Sandy Neathamer, Beth Haire, Whitney Hayes and Megan Holman. Tom and Kathy Hayes are teaching the High School age Sunday School group and Lyle Gernand is leading the Adult Sunday School Group. Confirmation classes are Wednesday evenings and have 2 second year students in the class.

Youth: The South Central Conference Youth Pool Party / Planning Meeting was held at the Taylor's home on August 29th. There were around 40 youth in attendance 11 from the Faith youth group. The Youth will be going to Montgomery Farms in Lanesville on Saturday October 23rd. The Youth are currently planning events for Halloween.

Parish Life & Outreach Team: Matt McCoy reported that the Rally Day Picnic was a success. The PLOT team will start working with the 60th Anniversary Planning Team to plan for the Church's 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Mutual Ministry Team: The Mutual Ministry team has not met, but will try to meet soon.

Volunteer Coordinator: There are several openings in October for Volunteers. Worship Assistant training will be held on Sunday, September 26th following worship for all who are interested.

Evangelism Team: Several Council members and the Evangelism team attended a dinner meeting hosted by Virginia Clements on September 7th. During the meeting, the group discussed making contact with potential leads interested in the church as well as lapsed members. A contact letter was discussed by the group and volunteers were assigned to make contact.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he had been busy with several funerals for both members and nonmembers. This past week he communed Billie Williams and Dorothy Clerici. He reported that he has been sending out cards to all visitors to the church. He attended the "Discipleship and Assimilation" seminar in Seymour, a staff meeting, Thursday Bible Study, an Evangelism Council Meeting, and Ministerium. Pastor Scott reported that he will be attending a Professional Leaders Conference for Pastors at Turkey Run.

Old Business: The November newsletter will feature an article from the Volunteer committee.

New Business: A Men's Club organizational meeting is planned for September 26th. Andrea Vogler is planning to speak to the church on Sunday, September 26th about her upcoming plans on moving to Israel. Passing of the Peace was discussed. The request was made to move Passing of the Peace to the end of service. Council and Pastor discussed and determined that Passing of the Peace would remain in its current place during service. Council discussed ideas on how to manage the prayer list. Lyle and Pastor Scott volunteered to iron out the details of the prayer list policy. Lyle planned to write up the final details informing the Congregation of the new policy details in his newsletter article. Council discussed dissemination of information to the Congregation. Lyle requested Pastor to create an e-mail distribution to provide information to Congregation members regarding sickness, sudden illness, death, etc. for those who prefer a telephone call or do not use e-mail, a phone tree system will be used to provide this information. A discipleship program is being formed out of lessons from the "Discipleship and Assimilation" seminar that was attended. Pastor Scott is seeking members to complete the first group of four to get the program started. A letter written by Linda Woehle addressed to the Council was read informing the Council of her resignation.

Lyle Gernand adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm. Next Council meeting: October 10th

Minutes faithfully submitted,

Stephanie Andrews