

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**SANDY NEATHAMER****Faith Lutheran Church
Council Minutes**

The March 13, 2011, Council meeting started at 12:28pm. Pastor Scott lead a brief prayer to open the meeting.

Roll call - the following council members were present: Lyle Gernand, Barb Brewster, Veronica Rife, Nancy Arbuckle, Pastor Scott, Arlys Johnson, Kate Scott, Bill Holman and Ed Peter. The following council members were absent: Jim Hegenbarth, Sandy Neathamam and Youth Rep.

The February council minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Holman provided the finances for the month of February. Expenses totaled \$14,945.90, income totaled \$10,562.24, a difference of \$4,383.72. The Duke Energy monthly bill is adjusted with a new amount of \$447 per month; this is within the Faith budget. Insurance covered all but \$400 of the Air Conditioning replacement. The overall replacement cost was \$17,000. Insurance waived the deductible because of our good history. Pastor Scott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Ed Peter seconded. Motion passed. Bill Holman will be out of town the week of March 20 for GCCS Spring Break, Lyle will have the payroll checks to disburse on Mar 24.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Ed Peter noted that for the months of February and March we are starting to fall behind in average giving. Average expenditures are about \$14,000 per month. Ed also presented a new counting sheet and procedures. Arlys Johnson moved to accept the Financial Secretary's Report, Veronica Rife seconded. Report accepted. Lyle Gernand will fill in for Jim Hegenbarth as counter in March. Ed will also be out Mar 27, Veronica will help count.

President's Report:

Lyle reported that no unusual events this month. He attended Chris Ed, staff meetings and Cleanup on March 12.

Stewardship Report: No Report.**Worship & Music Report:**

Barb Brewster reported that Lenten services will begin March 16. There was a good turnout for Ash Wednesday. A notice for ordering Easter lilies will be placed in the newsletter. The committee is looking for a source of palms; possible sources are LWR or an African company used in the past. Barb also ordered a Lutheran sacristy and altar guild handbook for use by WELCA. New altar clothes are being made with cross appliqués. It was decided to conduct the Christmas Eve service survey after Easter. A Seder Meal will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 21; Carol Taylor and Barb Brewster are planning. In the fall a new Wednesday service will be conducted with Worship & Music oversight.

Property Report:

Veronica Rife presented items from this committee. A proposed Cleaning Day is Sat, April 2 starting at 9 am. The date was selected to avoid other events at church and in the area. This is the same day as the Council retreat; Council members can join the work after 1pm. If needed can use April 16 morning for unfinished cleaning actions. The contractor is working on the inside work for the AC replacement. The outdoor units will be installed once the ground is not soft. The committee is also working on improving security of the outdoor units. Repair of front light in canopy over the front door will be made. To acknowledge the church improvements made using the Condra Memorial, a plaque will be made of walnut wood from the old 'snake tree'. Lyle noted that Jim Hegenbarth has information and wording to be used.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES, CONT.**SANDY NEATHAMER****Christian Education Report:**

The committee met on March 7. Several ideas for Sunday School classes will be implemented in the fall based on the recent survey results. Three separate adult classes will include Daily Walk, Bible Study of Old Testament and Lutheran Study. Each will be of 6 weeks duration. Locations of the classes is being determined. Rally Day will be Sun, Sept 11, the weekend after Labor Day. Council would like to commend the committee for developing this new program. It will ask the congregation to support the new programs next fall. Pastor moved to accept the committee recommendations, Arlys seconded. Motion passed.

VBS dates are Jun 27-30, Monday through Thursday evening program. Writers are beginning to develop the curriculum with the theme "Global God". April 25 is the next meeting.

Youth report: The Youth will go to paint ball. Many of the Youth helped with the yard cleanup on March 12. Four also helped with cleanup at Loaves and Fishes. They will visit Cedar Lake Lodge on April 17 and will need prizes. Busy Saturday will be April 23 to get ready for Easter breakfast and prepare baskets. The 12 hour famine event was moved to April 8/9 because of leader conflicts. It will be held at another church in Louisville.

PLOT Report:

The committee for Faith's 60th Anniversary party met after church today. The events on May 1 include a Pitch-In dinner. A sign up will be posted in the near future. Matt McCoy is working on a special project to commemorate the anniversary. Several folks are working on the decorations, scrapbook, invitations and contacting former Pastors, organists and members.

Mutual Ministry Report: No Report.**Volunteer Report:**

Council members were asked to sign up for various positions for the month of April. Pastor will contact the Bishop about attending and assisting with the 60th Anniversary worship.

Visitation Report:

The committee met the past month and is working on ideas for pew registration cards and the Visitor bags, whether to deliver after the service or to provide them at the service.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor noted that there was good attendance at the Ash Wednesday service. He presented his list of Hospital and Home visits and Congregation visitations. The white board is working for asking Pastor to make visits. All congregational members are also reminded to write a time and date on Pastor's Congregation Visit calendar.

The IN-KY Synod Assembly will be held Jun 2-4, 2011 in Fort Wayne. Faith is looking for a male and female delegate to represent our congregation. Registration ends the middle of May.

OLD BUSINESS

All items covered in committees noted above.

NEW BUSINESS

Council membership: With the Hegenbarth's move, Jim has resigned from Council. Dan Diekhoff has been nominated to replace Jim on Council. Barb Brewster moved to accept Dan's nomination, Ed Peter seconded. Motion passed. Dan Diekhoff will also serve as the Property liaison.

Arlys Johnson moved to adjourn the council meeting, Nancy Arbuckle seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 2:13pm.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica Rife, acting notetaker.