

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

.Faith Lutheran Church

**JANUARY 8, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The January 8, 2012 Council meeting started at 12:45pm. Pastor Scott lead a brief prayer to open the meeting.

Roll call - the following council members were present Lyle Gernand, Veronica Rife, Pastor Scott, Arlys Johnson, Beth Landis, Kate Scott and Dan Diekhoff. The following council members were absent Barb Brewster, Nancy Arbuckle, Sandy Neathamer, Bill Holman and Youth Rep.

The December 2011 council minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Holman provided a copy of the finances for the month of December 2011. Expenses totaled \$17,471.45 income totaled \$12,770.50, a difference of \$4,700.95. The yearend giving included the Congregation giving to budgeted Pastor Scott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit, Ed Peter seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Beth Landis reported the receipts for the month of December of \$22,096.50 which included a onetime gift that was transferred to savings. January giving to date was \$6,009.51. Dan Diekhoff moved to accept the Financial Secretary's Report, Pastor Scott seconded. Report accepted.

**President's Report:** Lyle reported that no unusual events this month. He had a normal routine. Dan Diekhoff moved to accept the President's Report, Kate Scott seconded. Report accepted.

**Stewardship Report:** No Report.

**Worship & Music Report:** Arlys Johnson reported that as the prayers of the church are the Pastor's responsibility during the service, Pastor Scott will begin leading the prayers during the service. Beginning in Lent the Psalm will be chanted responsively; initially between the choir and Pastor and at some future time involving the congregation. Wednesday Lenten services will use "Unfailing Light". Pastor will get a one week trial of the bulletin software that provides access to the three reading readings cycle and the music for hymns and parts of the service that are sung.

The committee recommends that in the months with five Sundays, that the fifth Sunday introduce contemporary music and liturgy. This will begin April 29. Arlys moved to accept this recommendation, Kate Scott seconded, motion passed.

Feedback will be requested after each of these initiatives.

**Property Report:** Dan Diekhoff presented items from this committee. The committee approved a \$1,900 bid from several acceptable bids for repair of front light under the front entrance canopy. Repair of the existing pump is on the committee's required maintenance list. Side lighting in the Emma Schoen Hall will be added by committee volunteers starting next week. The lighting will be replace the former side lighting that no longer works. Several committee members have also volunteered to be the new brain trust for the maintenance of Faith's facilities. The committee was asked to investigate the discolored carpeting in the front of the sanctuary.

**Christian Education Report:** No report, the committee will set a meeting.

**Youth report:** The Youth discussed the Youth Sunday service which will be January 22. The Youth has decided not to participate in the Jeffersonville Desserts in the Park.

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**PLOT Report:** The next event will be the Souper Bowl party on Sunday, Feb 5. March activity will be a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", more details will be provided. When the weather breaks this Spring there may be another Movie Night. In response to the question on advertisement of Faith in the Evening News, it noted that the cost of this service was discussed by Council and decided not to pursue.

**Mutual Ministry Report:** The committee met this past Thursday. There was positive feedback on the Christmas service.

**Volunteer Report:** Council members were asked to sign up for various positions for the month of February. Sign up sheets for the remainder of 2012 are posted in the narthex.

**Visitation Report:** The committee continues the creation of a new church brochure. An initiative to use Ambassadors to help visitors to the church is also being developed; stayed tuned for more info. Their next meeting will be Jan 19 at 2:30 pm.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor provided a report of his January activities. He also noted that Lent will start on Feb 22 with Ash Wednesday. The Wykoffs and Hegenbarths transferred membership this past year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council nominations have been received; Rick Barr and Ken Hawkins. Additional nominations will be requested at the Annual meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

March 11 is the national Girl Scout Sunday and is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GS. Kate motioned that the March council meeting be moved to Mar 18 and hold GS Sunday on March 11. Beth seconded, motion passed. Faith's GS troops will host social that Sunday and participate in service.

In April Meet n Eat and Council meeting will be April 15. The New Council will establish responsibilities for Meet n Eat setup and cleanup for each month.

The new Council will also update the Council member's Shepherding lists and the membership list.

Kate Scott has requested to step down from Council because of personal reasons. A new council member will be elected for a one year term to finish her current term.

Monthly newsletter reports are due Jan 18th and Annual reports are Jan 11th.

Dan Diekhoff moved to adjourn the council meeting, Beth Landis Arbuckle seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Rife, acting notetaker.