

COUNCIL MINUTES

Church Council meeting 20 May 2012 with devotions by Pastor Scott.

Exploring our vision and purpose: Develop a stewardship strategy and have a stewardship committee was suggested by Dan.

Approval of minutes from previous meetings: Motion to approve carried.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Bill, renewals for CDs for thirteenth month term put forth as a motion with interest to be rolled over. Motion to approve carried.
2. Motion made to move funds of \$1,600.00 to cover church mortgage. Motion to approve carried.
3. Bill would like to turn over Treasurer Position at end of term and ask council to look for a replacement.

Financial Secretaries Report:

Beth not present. Report from Pastor and Bill on financial status.

Pastor's Report: Motion to approve carried.

President's Report: Motion to approve carried.

Mutual Ministry Report:

1. Weddings and the procedures as to how weddings are handled at the church is being studied by a committee. Possibility of it being an evangelism tool along with providing guidelines for weddings held at the church. Fees, music, flowers, EPA concerns for outside usage, using the fellowship halls for receptions etc... Requirements of marital counseling, types of ceremonies and costs involved to church.
2. Motion to amend the Mutual Ministry Committee to recommend that pastor replace one member of that committee in the 2013 year. It shall be the responsibility of the church council to select a new member for that committee each of the years 2014 and 2015 and continue on a rotating basis every year after. Motion was approved and carried.

New Business:

1. It was proposed that Ilene Bush take position of Beth Landis as financial secretary to finish out term to Jan 2013. Motion to approve carried.
2. Motion to combine Treasurer's and Financial Secretary Report as one report recommended by President.
3. Committees recommended by Pastor to meet and report to the council are the following: **Youth, Plot, Property, Owls, Worship and Music, Evangelism and Stewardship**. Need council liaison for each committee to report, as needed, to the council. All church committees should open with a prayer and/or devotions/bible study.
4. Suggestion was made to keep the verse, bible verse and prayer the same for each committee. The leader of the committee should ensure someone is charged with carrying this out. Pastor will provide suggestions for this portion of each meeting, getting the information posted on each of the committee's agenda sheet. Motion was approved and carried.

Committee Reports:

Youth Report:

1. The trip to Cedar Lodge Lake has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

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2. Youth account has \$3089. The New Orleans convention will take \$3050 leaving a balance of \$39.00. There will be 11 youth and 3 adults going to the convention in New Orleans.

3. Activities to replenish funds for the youth account will be a carwash and selling desserts for the four concerts in the park. They will be in charge of selling and baking. They will be asking members of the church to help them with the baking of some of the desserts.

Plot:

1. July 8th Event for youth as a fundraiser for Lutheran Hills.
2. August fantasy football. Information meeting in early August.
3. Summer movie date TBD with suggestion to include the neighborhood.

Property:

1. Nursery has requested a wireless speaker. Costs are around \$250.00. Motion made and moved to keep cost to \$250.00. Motion carried with the monies to come from the memorial fund.
2. Also mentioned was that Lyle is checking to see if the city will be responsible for the ditch along the road in front of the church. Reasoning is the church is now city versus county.

Music and worship:

1. The Psalms will not be sung during the summer months. The singing of the Psalms will resume in the fall. There will not be a hymn sung during communion during summer. This coming Sunday will be the last Sunday the choir will sing an anthem until the fall schedule resumes.
2. Suggestion made to use a more contemporary service and introduce new elements into the worship service. Challenge made to the pastor and music committee to come up with more "blended service"; this would allow for both traditional service and liturgy. Pastor is going to look into this for the July meeting.

Owls:

1. First concert funds plus \$596 from the Owls fund and matching funds from Thrivent will go to the Gilles Family, who were tornado victims. The proceeds from the remaining 12 concerts will be divided between New Hope, CLM and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
2. Owls do not have an event scheduled for June, but hopefully there will be an event in July.

Old Business:

1. Pastor and Dan are taking the inactive list to confirm membership.
2. The Shepherding list was updated so the council has a current list.

New Business:

1. Signup sheet recommended when using church assets. I.E chairs, tables, etc.... See Patti Smith for this. Motion approved and carried.
2. Tami requested to borrow tables for graduation on June 16th.
3. Cathy Holman requested use of building June 16th for wedding shower from two to four p.m. Guests are estimated at 40 people.
4. Steaban requested use of the building June 30th, 11 a.m. – 6:30.
She will be using the kitchen and the fellowship hall.

Motion made and carried not to consider using Yellow pages directory.

Closing concluded with the Lord's Prayer.