

Church Council Minutes from January 20, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Diekhoff at 11:56 am

Roll Call was taken and all council members were present except

Sandy Neathamer not present, Pastor Meier who would be joining the meeting late due to a previous appointment.

Opening devotions: were delayed until Pastor joined us but once he did we discussed readings from Mark 10: 35-45 with discussions following. Pastor asked us what it means to be servants and slaves to God. And what does it mean as Christians to serve?

President Diekhoff asked council and Faith to explore our congregation's vision and purpose. Dan specifically looked at a section of our "Mission Statement" that describes how we nurture our Faith family. Dan asked how we are or aren't working and learning as a congregation. Are we being good stewards of our facility and resources? In doing this do we include fellowship and fun in what we do? Much discussion followed with a goal in the future to look at ways to better educate our youth, and to reach out and open our doors more to the community.

The previous meetings minutes were approved. Rick Barr motioned to accept previous minutes, Ken Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Bill Holman presented the report. December was a good month for Faith. Our income during the month was \$30,160.50 with expenses of \$14,147.88 the extra income made it possible for Bill to catch up on several bills and commitments as well as paying some upcoming commitments for 2013 ahead of time. Council thanked all at Faith for supporting our mission. Rick Barr also took time to thank Bill for all of his hard work and devotion to the treasurer's position. Bill will be stepping down as soon as a replacement is found and trained.

Financial Secretary's, Stewardship, and Pastor's reports: There were no written reports from these groups. It was noted that Pastor's computer is currently being worked on so he would provide a report as soon as it is repaired. There were no recommendations to be acted upon.

President's report: Dan reported that we will have a full ballot of candidates to fill our council roster for next year.

Dan also noted that Weekday Church School will probably be phased out over the next couple of years. That being said now is the time to consider new ways to use our facilities for the benefit of the congregation and community. Dan informed council that because the increased responsibility that the synod has added to him in ministering at St. Paul's in Shively, it would be best if he did not continue as Faith council president. Dan will continue to be a part of council though. Dan received nothing but praise from the family of Joyce Parish. The many donations, hard work, and attention to the needs of those who grieve her loss were very much appreciated.

Arlys Johnson and Judy Bartram moved and seconded to accept the President's report. Motion carried

Evangelism report: The team is looking into possible ways to contact and track regular members. The team is also preparing a mass mailing to go out to areas ½ to ¾ miles from the church. This mailing will inform them about Faith, and the church schedule during Lent, it will also invite all to attend. The mailing will go out some time in February. The team also plans on printing and preparing another round of the visitor brochures to be utilized by the church ambassadors. Ken Hawkins and Arlys Johnson moved to accept the report, Motion passed

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Parish Education report: Dan Diekhoff informed us that Carol Taylor intends to step down as director of Weekday Church School in the next couple of years. Council, Faith, and the community cannot thank John & Carol enough for their years of dedication to this wonderful program that has touched so many.

Property report: During the last meet & eat gathering property discussed the upcoming annual meeting. Lyle informed council that recently there were some glitches occurring with the boiler he had made arrangements to have someone come look at the boiler. The property team wanted to thank Arlys Johnson for cleaning up the bulletin board in the narthex. There were no recommendations to act upon.

OWLS: The OWLS will be holding a yard sale on April 19th/20th Start saving items to donate to this event. The OWLS will also be setting up their own checking account. Doing this will make life easier for the church treasurer. The OWLS will be in charge of self-policing this account.

Plot: The PLOT (Parish Life and Outreach Team) decided not to host a Super Bowl event this year. Instead on February 23rd we will host a "Mystery Dinner" more details for this event will follow. Please plan on participating during this fun event of food and fellowship.

Mutual Ministry/Parish Relations Report: There were no reports from these teams at this time.

Old Business: The Seminary awareness project is ongoing. Thanks to all who sent messages and gift cards to our seminarian? Pastor Scott would like to see Faith continue this program next year.

Arlys Johnson took time to compile results from the "Time & Talent" sheets that were filled out. These results will help Faith to better utilize the treasures of our parishioners. Arlys would like to have someone look into the possibility of updating this form for next year.

Faith is still in need for a Treasurer to replace Bill Holman who is stepping down from that position.

New Business: Council discussed preparations for the annual meeting. Dan Diekhoff also suggested that Faith identify areas/issues that we would like the newly elected council to pursue. It was noted that donations to the Lenten dinners would possibly be utilized to support the mass mailing that will be sent out.

Rick Barr moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ken Hawkins seconded. Motion passed

Meeting closed with council praying the first three petitions of the Lord's