

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SCOTT RIFE**

**Council Meeting November 10,2013**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Judy Bartram

**Roll Call**

*Scott Rife*

**ROLL CALL:**

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X denotes Council member not present

**Opening devotions:** Pastor led devotions with a reading from 1<sup>st</sup> letter of Corinthians Pastor summarized the reading by saying “The Grace of God can be found in all of us.”

Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Judy Bartram mentioned that the minutes had been sent for review previously they were approved

Treasurer’s report: Dennis Johnson reported that October had been a slow month (this could be due to the extended school fall break) Revenues for the month were \$10,601.10 with expenses for the month being \$16,134.87

Financial Secretary’s report: There was no Financial Secretary’s report since the Treasurer’s report displays weekly giving.

Pastor’s report: As part of the last council meeting council expressed a desire for pastor to spend more time making hospital calls and member visits. Council was pleased to see that during October pastor improved in all the areas of concern. During October Faith welcomed, Helen Kane, Jim and Judy Tureson, Matt Kariger, and Bill and Sonja Holman. Faith welcomes all to the family.

Council President’s report: Will be part of the newsletter. Kate is pleased to see Don Smith attending Faith service again. Thank you Lyle Gernand for bringing him. Kate also participated in this year’s Trunk or Treat. Next year she would love to see more trunks at this annual event.

Adult Education Project: There will be an organizational meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Don Walker asked about the computers currently being used by the preschool group and there availability to the adult literacy group after preschool closes. It was determined that these computers belong to Faith and that they would be available to the literacy group. Mike Baugh recommended that we look into the possibility of having the state furnish computers as a first option, and utilizing the preschool computers as a second a second option. The adult literacy group will be welcoming the donation of any laptop computers to this program.

Stewardship report: Pledge sheets were passed out during the 11/10/13 service. They are due back on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The stewardship team is looking at developing a new time and talent sheet. This sheet should be available in January. As a church we need to do a better job utilizing the talents of our parishioners.

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Evangelism report: Did not meet

Parish Education report: Sunday school is going well. The adult class is especially doing well; the current adult class is focusing on heroes of Christianity. Come join us we will make room for you

Youth report: The annual turkey dinner will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. After the dinner the youth will be spending the night at Faith and then the next day helping with loaves and fishes.

OWLS report: The OWLS recently donated money to several local organizations. For a full list who received donations check out this month's newsletter. The OWLS had a great Halloween party at Westminster retirement community.

PLOT report: Trunk or Treat was a great success with a record number of children attending. Several Faith members participated including our Girl Scout troop. Afterward the Theology on Tap group sponsored an adult scary movie. We plan on continuing the tradition next year with hopefully more Faith member participation. Ken Hawkins is still gathering items for the homeless at Exit Zero

Mutual Ministry report: No report.

Pastor-parish relations report: Have not met

Property report: No property concerns at this time. Rick Barr brought up the fact that Faith should consider buying a new computer for the office. Arlys Johnson made a motion that Rick Barr look into a new computer for the office and if he finds one that would fill our needs to report back to council At that point council could decide to purchase it or not with funds possibly coming from a memorial. Ken Hawkins seconded the motion, the motion passed

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No end of year financial reports from committees were brought before council. Because of this council members will be contacting congregational teams to determine their financial needs for the New Year. Council will then meet on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to review and put together next year's budget to present to the congregation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rick Barr is looking into talking with First Savings bank about lower interest rates for our mortgage. Rick will try to arrange a meeting for Dennis Johnson and himself with First Savings about this matter.

Dan Diekhoff attended a meeting about church councils. During this meeting it was strongly recommended that new councils schedule a retreat early in the year after the council is formed. It has been found that these early meetings help unify the council. Pastor suggested a possible retreat day of February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2014 for next years council. Due to our small congregation size council will look into the possibility reducing its size to 7 members instead of the current 9.

Trish Davis will be resigning from her librarian duties. Thanks Trish for the time that you served in this position.