

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Present:

Pastor Mathews, Bob Davies, Bill Oehler, Barbara Stauffer, Sam Lesko, Shirley Buntrock, Bengt Berg, Joyce Schwabe, Dick Yost, Bill Calhoon and Todd Rehder.

Opening Devotions:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with devotions from Matthew and John read by Bob Davies.

Minutes:

The minutes of the July 16 meeting were reviewed, no discussion. A motion to accept the minutes of the July 16 meeting as presented was made by Sam Lesko and second Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer:

The Financial report for July was reviewed and a motion to accept the report subject to audit was made by Shirley Buntrock and second Bill Calhoon. Motion passed.

The Financial report for August was reviewed and a question arose regarding a negative balance. It was reported that to date, the Youth Director salary as well as that for the State Park Ministry have been paid from the general checking fund. Todd Rehder has initiated the paper work to request \$18,000 from the Lutheran Community Foundation, the managers of the Endowment Fund. When we receive that money, the checking account will be current.

A motion to accept the August report as presented was made by Bill Oehler and second Dick Yost. Motion passed.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Worship Ministry Team – Bob Davies

The minutes of the May 31 team meeting were reviewed with no concerns. The new choir albs were received and three of them had to be returned due to fit, and will be replaced. A Christmas tree was donated by Mary Beth Davies. Sam Lesko inquired as to ways to make the choir more audible, especially during solos, or special anthems. Suggestions included adding a microphone to the pillar in front of the choir, turning up the volume on the current microphone and having the choir come to the altar. Bob will discuss with the choir at their next rehearsal.

Education Ministry Team – Dick Yost

The minutes of the August 2 meeting were provided. Sunday school began the new year on September 9 with new curriculum and great attendance. Heather Klien has done a great job preparing and supplying the teachers for the Akaloo curriculum.

The Pre-school sub committee needs to meet and draft a charter. Bengt will try to schedule a meeting.

Service and Outreach Ministry Team – Sam Lesko

At this time, there has not been a replacement named for the Parish Health Ministry Coordinator position. A person of interest will be approached. If a replacement is found, Carol would be able to work with them for a time before she leaves for the winter.

Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team – Barbara Stauffer

Coffee hours following Sunday services will resume on September 16. The Women of Trinity book club will divide their meetings between select readings and Women of the Bible bible study.

A covered dish supper will be held on October 6 before the Saturday service and will continue on the first Saturday of each month.

Lutheran Men in Mission attended the Scranton Rescue Mission and provided a meal and homily. They will explore the opportunity to make this a quarterly mission. They will hold the first annual breakfast on September 22. Bingo at the Gino Merli Center will be in October.

The State Park Ministry went well for the first summer. It was questioned and recommended that the service for the State Park be included in the bulletin for the summer schedule next year.

The Leisure Ministry will begin meeting September 24 with Mike Krahlung chairing that committee. Kathy Mathews continues as the Volunteer Coordinator.

Support Ministry Team – Pastor Mathews

Minutes of the most recent Endowment sub committee were presented.

The Property sub committee is forming and will plan a meeting.

Bill Calhoon reports that the Long Range planning has been at a standstill for some time. Areas that have been pursued include: speaking to Dr. Joe Kelly, Jr. regarding his potential interest in selling his lot behind church that could increase parking ability. At this time, Dr. Kelly is not interested. It was recommended that someone might approach Dr. Joe Kelly, Sr. to see if he might be interested in selling his lot, which is adjacent to his son's lot. It was also suggested that someone speak to the neighbor at 209 West Grove Street to see if he might consider selling his property.

Another suggestion made was to research feasibility of a third service. Sam Lesko made a motion to refer that suggestion to the Worship Ministry Team second Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

The committee needs to update information previously received from Bob Huylo regarding expansion, as it has been over one and a half years since that information was compiled. It was suggested that all avenues regarding acquiring extra parking ability be exhausted before other land/building options are pursued.

The committee needs to be able to have something to present to the congregation before a request for contributions is made.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

New members received:

Peggy and Tom Himes from First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, VA.

Members transferred out:

Shirley and Jerry Otto to Christ Lutheran Church, Hilton Head Island, SC.

OTHER –

The audit has been completed and is ok, with the exception of the reconciliation of the bank statements.

The Bigger Picture –

Pastor Mathews distributed a summary of the June 10 meeting of the five Ministry Teams. Each of the teams should review the information collected at that meeting and the team leaders should be review charters and be sure that teams are on track. Each team should: determine if they have any needs that haven't been met; have any areas of concern; have any areas they should add or delete from their team responsibilities or charters and see if there are areas that need to be transferred from one team to another.

Bengt suggested that the teams evaluate responsibilities and be sure they are fulfilling them as well as review their charters.

The Bigger Picture for next month's meeting will focus on growth of churches.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 with the Lord's Prayer and a motion from Shirley Buntrock and second Barbara Stauffer.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 8 at 7:30 pm.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary