

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2008**

Members present: Pastor Mathews, Bob Davies, Joyce Schwabe, Dick Yost, Shirley Buntrock, Barbara Stauffer and Todd Rehder.

Confirmation student Joey Hamersly also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm with devotions and prayer read by Dick Yost.

The minutes of the February meeting were presented and time allowed for questions regarding report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Shirley Buntrock and second by Todd Rehder. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: JOYCE SCHWABE

The reconciliation of the PNC account is complete. Audit materials have been turned over to Todd. Pastor indicated that Thrivent is updating their we-site making it a little more difficult to have up to the minute reports, so quarterly reports are being presented.

A motion to accept the treasurer report as presented was made by Todd Rehder and second by Shirley Buntrock. Motion passed.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BOB DAVIES

The minutes of the most recent meeting were provided.

The Contemporary Worship Service Task Force minutes were provided.

The organ should be tuned before Easter.

No questions from council were presented.

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM – DICK YOST

The Mission District Festival at Fatima Center is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 8:30-1:45. Dick is encouraging Heather Klien and the Sunday school staff to attend.

At the February meeting of council, approval was given to notify the teachers of the pre-school of an increase in salary. That was held off pending the receipt of the 2008/09 budget proposal from Fred Pencek. Since then, the budget has been received and the increase amounts were reviewed at tonight's meeting of council. A motion to approve the increases and notify the teachers by letter was made by Todd Rehder and second Joyce Schwabe. A chair for the pre-school committee is still being sought. It was agreed that the committee/council does not necessarily need a contract with the teachers, just a verbal notification of change in a timely fashion (the end of April of current school year).

SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM –

Recently a donation in the amount of \$500 was approved to aid a family affected by floods. (Churches had been contacted by a Pastor in Conyngham for assistance through Lutheran Congregation Services). Sam indicated at the time that \$1000 seemed a reasonable donation. A motion was made by Barbara Stauffer and second Dick Yost to approve an additional \$500 (total \$1000) be forwarded.

WITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BARBARA STAUFFER

The minutes of the most recent Evangelism committee meeting were included in the newsletter.

A brochure is being prepared in recognition of Volunteer month for April.

Women of Trinity book/bible studies will be split for future classes. Classes will meet once monthly on an alternating basis.

There will be a covered dish supper for Maundy Thursday. Saturday pot-luck dinners have been discontinued.

There will be a coffee hour between Easter services.

Lutheran Men in Mission will provide a Ladies Dinner on Monday, May 12.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM –

Bob Davies reports that Joe Kelly, Jr. would like to add approval of use of parking lot (as needed) to the purchase agreement. When there is a formal bid, that addition could be made. It is suggested that it indicate that use is at own risk.

Pastor provided an outline for new format for updating the church website. Each team/committee would have someone responsible for replacing old information on the site with current info. Pastor would provide necessary direction for persons responsible.

It was suggested that teams compile a list of volunteers on each team/committee and see if they are fully staffed or in need of more volunteers.

Clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

New member transfers: Steve Bettum from St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Scranton, PA.

OTHER –

None.

The Bigger Picture –

The article that was distributed at the February meeting was reviewed and discussed. Several key topics pointed out things churches can do to excel. There were many points that we can consider as we plan our growth.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 with the Lord's Prayer and a motion from Todd Rehder and second Barbara Stuafter. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 14 at 7:30 pm.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary