

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 13, 2009

Members present: Karen Krebsbach, Rick Haisch, John Mercer, Duane Brekke, Pastors Ken Nelson, Pastor Mike Pancoast, Joylea Knutson, Loraine Haugen, Ken Gorze and Cindy Wilhelm.

Vice President Duane Brekke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Ken Nelson followed with devotions asking council members **“What is the hardest thing (or a hard thing) that you have had to do in your life, in any realm, be it career, family or church member?”**

Minutes of the September 8th council meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

Worship Committee – Reviewed written report

1. Offer extended to Angie Speiser for worship coordinator, voted on and approved.
2. Adjusted Christmas schedule was discussed, voted on, and approved.

Congregational Life – See written report.

Education – No Report

Property – Ken had nothing to report tonight. We praised God for the outstanding work Ken has been doing for the Church and its property.

Finance – Written report reviewed.

1. Norsk Hostfest seems to have been a huge success with proceeds still outstanding.

Mutual Ministry –

1. Pastor Ken’s group will meet again in February. Pastor Ken suggested that two groups be formed (1 ea. for Pastor Mike and Kari) and that names should be brought forward to the next council meeting. They should probably meet at least quarterly to begin with.

Personnel –

1. Staff reviews have taken place with no concerns to speak of.

Social Ministries – No report.

Giving Committee –

1. Nov 8th Stewardship launches appeal, ending Nov 22.

Evangelism – No report.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Mike:

1. Taking Faith Home (explained to the council)
2. Teacher in-service will be held for Wednesday and Sunday school teachers.
3. Wed. meal – Gather for prayer and devotion prior to meals.
4. Pastors Kari & Mike team teaching Sunday forum (Youth and Family ministries), this is not just for youth and young families, but for everyone.
5. Walking Wet with First Lutheran is a new program that will be utilized to teach the following prior to baptism (2 hours beginning to end including meal).
 - a. What is baptism?
 - b. What does baptism mean?
 - c. Does baptism have anything to do with family life?

Pastor Ken:

1. Shared ministry north – put on the Nov. or Dec. agenda for renewal.
2. Karen Lund update – working with Vicki putting together calling committees and would also like time at next council meeting to discuss mission statements.
3. Passed out material that was gathered at the ELCA assembly for us to read and ponder at our leisure.
4. Visioning Process – Appoint a task force at November’s meeting.

The next meeting will be on 10 November 2009.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and final devotion closing from Pastor Ken's opening devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Haisch, council secretary