

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2009

Members present: Cindy Wilhelm, Karen Krebsbach, Ken Gorze, Doug Mattson, Loraine Haugen, Joylea Knutson, John Mercer, Pastor Ken Nelson, Pastor Kari Pancoast, Pastor Mike Pancoast

President Karen Krebsbach called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Mike followed with devotions. In small groups answered the question: *"Who do you know – friend, family, co-worker – that it is your heart's desire that they know Jesus? WHY?"*

Minutes of August 11 council meeting reviewed and approved.

Worship Committee

- New cranberry hymnals are here.
- Reviewing sound system. Need to do sound check each weekend.

Education Committee

- Education classes are ready to start. There will not be changes to current education curriculum but hope to enhance the program by working toward a partnership with youth and family and the entire church family.
- Plan to have regular in service meetings with teachers and confirmation guides.

Social Ministries Committee

- In the beginning stage of organizing committee and formulating mission statement
- The committee will probably have as goals:
 - o to work within the congregation to create more participation and awareness of community – example: to be involved in projects such as Luther's Kitchen, the City and Country Clinic
 - o to build more personal participation in Global ministry

Finance committee

- Reviewed the written report
- The committee has authorized finance secretary Jennifer to borrow up to \$15,000 to pay current property bills which need to be paid.
- Emphasized how much we have done this year. A bulletin insert listing all these improvements and financial totals will be included in the September 27 bulletin. A special envelope will also be included to encourage congregation to assist with these expenses.
- On behalf of the finance committee, Joylea made a motion that the balance of \$3000 for the pastors' move be paid by the congregation. Cindy seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A motion at the April 14 meeting had authorized up to \$3000.

Property Committee

- Chapel windows rebuilt and installed, Luther Hall and chapel roof repairs are finished, boilers in parsonage repaired.
- To make it easier to change light bulbs in the sanctuary, would like to get costs for lowering lights in the sanctuary. Will bring costs to future meeting.
- An outside window on the west of the sanctuary is broken. Fargo Glass is coming to look at repair needs
- Going to remove sanctuary pews by chapel entry. Will open up for wheel chairs or for extra chairs for chapel overflow.

Congregation Life Committee

- Working to structure committee to include care ministries and expanded fellowship opportunities.
- Ministry fair is being planned for October 4 following the service featuring the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band.

Pastor Ken

- Finalizing confirmation plans. A good staff of small group leaders
- Sept 13 – 15 Pastor's retreat at Medora
- Anniversary committee is finalizing plans for Dr. Paul Maier Seminar entitled "The Crescent and the Cross". Pastor Ken is doing the noon shows and is using KHRT for radio advertising.

Pastor Mike

- Encouraged all to attend Youth and Family Workshop at Bethany Sept 20. FLC will pay the \$15 registration fee

Update on Building Committee

- Updated building proposal – project goals distributed
- Need a map of all FLC properties, reviewing parking lot agreement with Lowe's

John Mercer reminded us that **visioning process** has never been completed. Executive Committee will discuss and make recommendation.

A letter from the Pastors regarding new **ELCA Social statement and Ministry Changes** is in the mail this week. Council members affirmed the pastors and the letter. Pastor Ken is a member of the Synod Council. The council is looking at ways for congregations to voice opinions.

Interviewing of **Worship Coordinator** will begin. Salary up to \$1200 a month. Two applicants at this time.

Next **council meeting** will be October 13.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer and the final closing from Pastor Mike's opening devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
Joylea Knutson