

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes May 11, 2010

Members present: Barb Solberg, Pam Schmidt, Rick Haisch, John Mercer, Pastors Kari & Mike Pancoast, Loraine Haugen, Cindy Wilhelm, Elizabeth Slotsve, and Pastor Ken Nelson.

Vice President Cindy Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 5:07. Pastor Ken Nelson followed with devotions in "Red vs. Blue...conservative vs. liberal. How did we get to this point?" We then read from John 17:20-26...a prayer for "unity".

There were no minutes available to be approved at this time so we moved on to the committee reports.

Outreaching Committee Reports:

Worship Committee – Reviewed written report

- a. This year's Christmas schedule, more to follow.
- b. Pianos will not be thrown out but instead reutilized elsewhere or donated to someone who could use them.
- c. New worship format beginning the fall of 2010 -
Chronological beginning with the Old Testament through Revelations.
There will be pictures and symbols that will go along with each lesson and there will also be bibles in the pews for those who wish to follow along.
- d. Sunday/Wednesday schools will follow the Minot Public Schools schedule but will still have activities on the scheduled off days from school.

Education – Reviewed written report

- a. New thing happening next fall with Sunday morning lessons. They will be cross generational (family Sunday school) with 4th grade and up. They will have both small and large group study.
- b. Traditional for the younger children.
- c. Adult study as well as youth study.
- d. They will be forming a council/board to oversee the education process to raise awareness, support and praise for the new format.

Evangelism – No report.

Social Ministries – No report.

Stewarding Committees

Giving Committee – No report.

Finance – Written report reviewed.

- a. Attendance has been down but giving has been up so things are looking good at this time.

Property –

- a. Replace/wait for annual meeting to find a replacement for Ken Gorze as he resigned from the council. We will report back next meeting with our ideas.
- b. Talked about possibility of getting rid of the rentals (selling), and using the gained space for parking and making some yard space for the children.

Congregational Life –

- a. Planning picnic for Wednesday, May 12, focusing on activities for the children.
- b. Potluck on May 23 to celebrate the new members, and to recognize those folks involved in the church music programs.

Congregational Committees

Personnel – No report.

Mutual Ministry –

- a. Pastor's Mike and Kari's group will meet more often than quarterly to begin with and then move on to quarterly after they feel comfortable with how things are going.
- b. Pastor Ken's group will be meeting the 25th of May.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Mike:

- a. Theology on Tap: First meeting (8 participants), which we are very happy about. We are looking to have more at the next meeting.
- b. First meeting was on Theology and Discipleship. The next meeting subject will be "Everything you want to know about God but are afraid to ask".
- c. Classes are geared toward those individual between 21 and 30 both single and married.

Pastor Kari:

Pastor Ken:

- a. Building and finance committees formed. Tasked with whether the new addition is feasible or not.
- b. Task force formed for MSU cemetery work. Report next meeting.
- c. Synod Wide Assembly the 4th and 5th of June. Need 4 more volunteers to attend and would like at least one to be a male (John Mercer is interested).
- d. Dwayne and Karen Waltz are the representatives for Lutheran Campus Ministries at MSU.
- e. Talked about non-member weddings at FLC and would like to have one of the pastors present for every non-member wedding.

Other Business:

- a. Next Exec Council Meeting to be held on June 1st, at 5:45 pm (Finance – 5:00 pm). Next full Council Meeting to be held on June 8th.
- b. Youth Ministry Coordinator – Meeting with task force for job description - good direction from the discussion.
- c. Special (door) offering for synod wide global barnyard appeal.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Haisch, council secretary