



Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order: by John Herring at 12:00 noon.
Present: John Herring, Pastor John, Dan Syverson, Eric Drake, Tyler Syverson, Milly Van Valzah, Gary Powalish, Kara Wilcox, Jan Ethington, Dan King, Steve Shoudy
Excused: Russ Albert, Linda Hanson
Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Tyler and Dan Syverson. One person's perspective on types of churches.
2. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2007: Motion by Milly Van Valzah and seconded by Erik Drake. Approved.
3. Correspondence:
4. Pastor John's Comments:
 - Kara Wilcox and Eric Drake are registered with Pastor John for the synod assembly on June 15 and 16. No youth are registered yet.
 - Pastor will be gone the week of June 3, following worship, and will return by worship time the next week.
 - Bob Woodard is meeting with representatives from other congregation and working on a proposal for buying energy. Arne Venteris may be the broker for this.
 - Summer Sensation, a summer Sunday school, is proposed for all ages between services for 25 minutes. It will consist of a short lesson with an opportunity for various art expressions and optional sharing at the end. Pastor John has asked Eric Drake to consider leading this – he and his wife are still thinking about it. Anticipated start date is the beginning of June and continuing through July depending on attendance. Pastor John asked for the council's blessing and consideration in helping with it. Pastor will put the lesson together and needs people to present it. He will ask "art people" to lead the art expression portion.
5. Membership: Removed by death: Scott Wyatt, April 14, 2007
Removed by transfer: Matthew and Denise Van Fleet and sons Daniel and Nicholas to Trinity Lutheran, Durand, IL on May 9, 2007
6. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Gary Powalish. Chair tightening session happened last Monday. Changed lawn care to Executive Lawn Services. Need to schedule another work night for upholstery cleaning, etc. May reschedule the Thursday meeting.
 - Education: Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 22. Will discuss the summer sensation. Gave recognition to teachers at services today and outstanding attendance awards to the students. Are considering what curriculum to use for the next year. Change to committee – will attempt to get as much committee work done on-line to streamline the work. The library is coming along. More cataloging needs to be done. VBS is all set; have a leader.
 - Evangelism: Talked about nametags. They are in the ladies restroom. Should have nametags for ushers and greeters and have a spot in the cloak room for them. May try to get nametag Sunday reinstated. Will be calling people who

have not attended in a while. Reserved shelter for Sunday in the park. Ed has put the sign designs on the website.

- Finance/Treasurer's Report: Steve's financial summary. Made some progress in April. Yellow book numbers are not in April and only 300 of the 2300 of spring auction is listed in April. The rest will be in May. Steve wants to get something in the newsletter about where we stand. There was a gift of stock. Five Sundays in April and expenses down. Thanks to people who are up to date on their pledges.
 - Preschool Committee: No meeting. Will have graduation this week.
 - Social Concerns: Jan talked about being a ONE congregation. Does anyone have any ideas to get a subcommittee going? Need one on one invitations to be on a committee.
 - Stewardship: Starting on a plan for the fall.
 - Worship and Music: Milly – Shar and Mitch attended a meeting at Tabor requesting that we use the bells for five more years and repair them. Have not gotten an answer yet. More information is in the committee report. The choir tried the American made handbells from Alpine. Can be adjusted. Motion by Dan Syverson to pay for the repair of the bells on an average of \$500 per year for the use of the bells for those five years. Seconded by Jan. Passed.
 - Youth Ministry: VBS coming soon. Will have 60 to 65 attending. Workcampers will have a fathers day brunch for a fundraiser. Will do more outdoor activities for the Wednesday night senior high night.
 - Audit Committee:
 - Personnel Committee:
 - Nominating Committee:
 - Earned Income Task Force:
 - i. Yellow Book – netted \$1,271.44 for both the youth fund and the earned income fund in the general fund.
 - ii. Spring Auction – netted just over \$2300
 - iii. Fall Art and Craft Fair – Sept 8 and 9. Now called Midwest Family Festival of Fine Art and Crafts. Mike is receiving some registrations.
7. Strategy and Specific Objective developments
 8. Other business: Progress on sign publicity/feedback process on web and narthex display. Lisa's letter will be put in the newsletter this week, stating that there will be a display in the narthex.
 9. Assignment for feedback from this meeting: Dan Syverson will talk about the sign on June 3rd or June 10th.
 10. The next meeting will be on June 24, 2007 at 11:00 am.
 11. Milly will provide lunch and a devotion.
 12. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary