

Church Council Minutes

May 10, 2010

PRESENT: Ralph B.K. Peterson, Pastor Dean Peterson, Steve Lindahl, Rosemary Hendrickson, Jean Sovey, Don Aronson, Jeanne Sauter, Sandy Flinn, Becky Piehler, Jeanine Dagenais, ary Jo Roll, Marilyn Pearson, Elmer Bessonon, Mary Claire Massi-Lee, Thomas Wilson, Dr. Michael Connor, Karen Caswell

EXCUSED ABSENT: Sandy Goodyer, Ernie Burch

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President, Ralph B.K. Peterson.

Devotions were presented by Ralph B.K. Peterson using the Lutheran Handbook and also "The Reason for God", by Keller. Main focus was the theology of the cross.

Minutes from the April 12, 2010 were amended slightly, adding a report made by Elmer Bessonon from the Social Ministry Committee, and changing the pay per car amount to \$500 instead of \$1,000 as reported for the Fortune Lake 500. They were accepted and seconded by Steve Lindahl and approved.

Correspondence was read by Marilyn Pearson, with letters from Catholic Social Services, St. Vincent de Paul, and Lillian Mileski, thanking Bethany for the gifts.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT was reviewed, and a motion was made by Mary Claire Massi-Lee to accept, and seconded by Mary Jo Roll.

RESTRICTED FUNDS: Discussion was made on whether the Youth fund balance should be added to the restricted fund sheet. At present it is not reported and council voted that it should appear on the sheet. It will appear next month. Discussion was then held on whether the Friendship Club (formerly called Senior Club) should report their fund balance, and that was voted no. Friendship Club trip funds will be returned to them and not reported anymore on Restricted Funds Report. Elmer Bessonon moved to accept report and Rosemary Hendrickson seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: comment was made that the money spent for the parsonage bathroom on line item I-06 hasn't shown up yet. This is due to charges being put on Bethany's charge card and it hasn't come due yet. Motion to accept was made by Becky Piehler and seconded by Mike Connor and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MINISTRY was reported by Karen Caswell. She reported on the Angel Food Ministry, and would like Council to vote to support and start this ministry at Bethany. It is a Christian food co-op that gets boxes of food at near half the cost of grocery stores. People of all incomes are eligible to participate, and it is prepaid by the people participating. Discussion was held on the delivery and feasibility of the project. Pastor Peterson said he wanted to get more background information on it and council voted to research the project more and get back to her.

CALL COMMITTEE: Jean Sovey reported and said there has been no progress made in the call process yet.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - reported they have a meeting set for June 1st at 4 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - reported that they are working on changing the staff handbook, and also that they have an appreciation luncheon scheduled for May 12th to honor the hardworking staff at Bethany.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Steve Lindahl reported having money in place for the air conditioner of the kitchen, and will call tomorrow to get it started. Motion was made by Mike Connor to do this and seconded by Bud Bessonon, motion carried. He also reported the Belfry windows can't be repaired until we have 50 degree or warmer weather. Then he reported on the parsonage repair project. He presented a proposal to borrow \$25,000 from the Century Mission Fund to continue working on it. Discussion was held on how much should come from the Century Mission Fund and how much from the Building Fund. A proposal was made to take the amount of \$25,000 to a vote of the congregation at a special meeting on June 13th by Becky Piehler and was approved. There will also be a tour of the parsonage on Sunday, June 6th for any members of the congregation interested in seeing the project.

WORSHIP & MUSIC reported they were happy to see the church better attended as of late.

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Thomas Wilson reported that he would like to see the church purchase a web cam so that the worship service can be "broadcast" live over the internet. He said a camera could be purchased for under \$100 and be turned on by the Sound System operator. This would reach out to the internet users and it is a one-time purchase. A lot cheaper than the radio broadcast that has to be paid for every week. Congregation discussed it but no decision was reached on the subject.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor Pete reported a great experience was had by all the Fortune Lake Confirmation Retreat with Pastor Pete Warmanen. He also reported that he plans to take the high school seniors out to breakfast as a means of "sending them off" properly.

There was no other new business, meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pearson
Church Council Secretary