

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2008

Members Present: Pastor Van Brussel, Roland Sandrock, Al Brown, Kris Johnson, Joan Truman, Diana Pfaff, Becki Goldstein, Pat Delventhal, Matt Tewers, Joel Mann, Ann Mann, Tim Titgemeyer, Diane Schmidt, Kathi Martzke and Dave Neuman. Visitor: Ellen Polsdorfer

Meeting called to order by President, Joel Mann, at 7:05 PM.

Diane Schmidt led us in devotions. Joan Truman will lead them in September.

The minutes from our July, 2008 meeting were accepted with two minor corrections.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Van Brussel went over his monthly report. He took vacation from July 21st to August 1st. Work load continues to be heavy.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Al Brown reported that on the income side St. John is about 94% for month to date and 96% of budget for year to date. We are running about 12% behind last year, but we received a large contribution last July.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat Delventhal reported that expenses are running a bit more this year due to increases in salaries and this year being St. John's 125th anniversary year which has involved many more expenses. However, expenses are still about 93% in the year to date. The books should be audited this month by Lei J's.

Board of Finance:

Matt Tewers reported that the balance left in the Parish Nurse's account of approximately \$1400.00 will be transferred to the Good Samaritan Fund to help build that fund up again.

Board of Christian Community Life:

Diane Schmidt reported that 8 St. John members helped at the Genoa Food Pantry on Saturday, August 9th. Our next day to help there will be on Thursday, August 28th. The committee met and discussed the potlucks scheduled for September and about plans for the Coffee Haus that will begin on September 14th. The Coffee Haus is for adults who bring children to Sunday School who may not at this time want to attend either of the adult Sunday School classes. The committee has set up a nice area off the second floor landing where they can socialize. Diane Schmidt will host this. Diane will check with LSS in

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Toledo to see if we should continue to gather food stuffs for them or direct our attention to Genoa which is in our community. Tim Titgemeyer said that the Men in Mission have voted that the proceeds from the chicken barbeque will go to the Genoa Food Pantry.

Board of Evangelism:

Kris Johnson reported that it is slow going for the Shepherding program. She is hoping to continue to get lists from the people who said that they will help. Hoping that this program will get going a bit better in the upcoming fall and winter months. Kris attended a Synod meeting and brought flyers announcing a "Revive Us, Again" program which will be held on Friday Dec. 5th and Sat. Dec. 6th at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. Pastor VanBrussel gave Kris information on a Stephen Ministry. Kris will review to see if we might be able to use here at St. John. Joel reminded Kris to get our times of worship changed in the Suburban Press. Joel and Shelley will work on the web site to keep as current as possible.

Board of Parish Education:

Becki Goldstein reported that Rally Day will be Sunday, September 7th. Grades 6-8 will meet in the sanctuary that day. Pastor has looked over the syllabus for the upcoming year and has ok'd. Pastor has sent the 6-8 graders letters regarding the orientation. Parish Education would like to hold the Sunday School Christmas program during our regular Sunday morning worship service on December 7th. Diane Schmidt moved that the program be held during the 9:45 AM Sunday worship service that day and Kris Johnson seconded. Motion carried. An Advent brunch will be held after the service. Becki also reported that all Sunday School materials are in as are the catechism supplies.

Board of Stewardship:

Kathi Martzke and Roland Sandrock brought in an Opportunities to Serve form which we went over and discussed. Suggestions were made as to more volunteer positions within our church. Stewardship will get these out to the congregation sometime soon so that people can sign up.

Board of Worship Life:

Tim Titgemeyer reported that they met with a representative from the T.S. Good Organ Company and discussed our current system and presented us with options. They can provide an all electronic, all pipe or a combination of both. The committee will go to some area churches to see what is available. Blackberry's is a combination of both pipe and electronic. Approximate costs: an electronic organ is \$60-100,000.00; a combination organ is around \$200,000.00. They may talk to a third company in the future. Our organ is in a terrible spot plus the pipes in the attic are also poorly located. In addition to the need to repair or replace our current organ, T.S. Good also noticed that our organ is powered using direct electrical current which can be potentially a dangerous fire hazard. Discussion was then held about the new Sunday schedule. Communion will be held every Sunday just as the Saturday night

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service. Some families have decided not to continue to help as worship assistants because of the time change. Worship Life will continue to explore opportunities for next summer. As of now, the Sunday morning service will be at 9:45 AM year around.

Board of Property:

Wayne Bauman was not in attendance. However, he called Joel and reported the following: a decision as to what will go on the old Tank property has not been decided. There have been many discussions as to its future use but nothing permanent. This should be brought up at our Annual Congregational meeting in January. The water line goes through the property and the gas line is capped off. The septic system is outdated. The little white building was left because the church is completely out of storage and will use as needed. The property is zoned commercial and if we want to build something, we will need to go through correct permitting process.

Basement – they thought the floor was ok, but insurance adjuster said he would check if floor was asbestos insulated tile. It is asbestos, so that will be addressed very soon to get the flooring removed. Diane Gerkenmeyer is in charge of the replacement floor.

Joan Truman said that the footers for the new church sign are in but the sign itself was wrong and in order to replace will take another four weeks to receive. Our name was placed wrong across the top instead of on the side as ordered.

Past President's Report:

Dave Neuman attended a Constitution Committee meeting this week. The question came up that some of our by laws may conflict with the Synod's by laws. Our wording is a bit different and we will probably keep our current wording unless it does conflict with the Synod's. Much work needs to be done by this committee as much of the present Constitution is so open ended.

Old Business:

Job descriptions of each committee were turned in to Dave to take to the Constitution Committee.

New Business:

New audio-visual equipment was purchased for Parish Education use. As of now we have 4 DVD-VCR combos and 1 digital TV. Also a retractable screen will be installed in the social hall sometime soon. The estimated cost is \$600-700.00. It will be suggested to the Memorial Committee that money come from this account for these items.

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Pastor Van Brussel reported that a member of the synod's stewardship committee will come to present the new 2009 synod budget before each church service. It will take approximately 15 minutes and take place sometime between September and November. Tim Titgemeyer moved that Pastor keep our schedule flexible to be able to hear their presentation. Kris Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor also reported that Pastor Paul Messner wrote to him requesting use of our church next June 27, 2009 for a wedding of a couple that he knows. Pastor Messner will be presiding at this wedding which will be quite a large wedding with many relatives staying at Maumee Bay Park Resort. Tim Titgemeyer moved to ok scheduling this date and Kathi Martzke seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Van Brussel also reported that the new member class is now finished. The new members will be received on Sunday August 31st. They are: David Gilbert, Maria Beamer, Rachel Nissen and Matt Krumnow.

It was noted that our Youth Director, Jaci Tiell will be going to Columbus next week for seminary orientation. Concern was expressed as to her being able to carry on the heavy class load which will be expected of her and being able to function as St. John's Youth Director. Discussion then followed of St. John not having a Staff Support Committee. This committee should interview all employees of the church and hear any negatives from employees and take care of situations which arise. Any problems should be corrected as soon as possible. Council would like the President to appoint three people to a staff support committee. Once this committee is appointed they should start the review process with the Youth Director since Parish Education members have heard concerns from members who were concerned with Jaci's performance. The original committee to hire a Youth Director consisted of: Jared Hillman, Kathy Bench, Deanna Neuman, Melissa Lammers and Rachel Brown. Kris Johnson moved that we should move forward with the staff support committee who would first review Jaci's progress in our congregation. This motion was seconded by . The motion was approved with one nay in attendance. Joel Mann will appoint three people to review progress of the current youth director.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, Diane Schmidt moved with a second from Dave Neuman to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann C. Mann, Secretary