

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, Approved

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Attendees: Tony Betley, Stefanie Betley, Barb Ramlow, Ted Melby, Kelly Loken, Todd Wideman, Sarah Beversdorf, Leah Maves, Pastor Dwight

- I. Council Pre-Meeting
 - The council heard a presentation by Desiah Melby on the Preschool. Discussion included: history; survey results; new initiatives; future planning.
- II. Meeting Call to Order
- III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Opening Devotion. Pastor opened with prayer in joint session.
- V. Executive Session (as needed).
 - None needed.
- VI. Pastor's Report (given in joint session)
 - Records. There have been two separate requests to remove the official, original church records from the church for specific research needs.
 - Discussion centered on: the quantity of the records (26 volumes for Nelsonville and 2 for Peace); overall preservation of the records; accessibility of the records.
 - Suggestion: Ask Dale to get us some quotes for duplicating the records and pricing of a safety deposit box.
 - Motion made and seconded (Paul O/Mark H) to not allow for the sole copy of the records of either church to leave the building at this time.
 - Wednesday night services. Attendance ranges from two to 15.
 - Orphanage funds. Pastor Dwight shared a letter from the Mongolian Orphanage. A number of years ago, \$18,000 was given to the Orphanage. The Orphanage reported that the funds were spent on a water system, room dividers, heater protection covers, classroom remodeling. It was suggested that pictures be requested from the Orphanage to share with the congregation.
 - Nanci Simon requested to be removed from the membership roster. No action is needed on the part of the council.
 - Pastor Dwight's computer crashed after 9 years of materials, sermon, confirmation materials, constitution materials, etc. Leah's computer also needs to be replaced. One consideration would be to move to a server. More information will be forthcoming.

- Personnel committee: Gayle Huglen at Nelsonville, as part of the Personnel Committee, is requesting a representative from Peace to be on the committee. Peace will follow up in their meeting.
- A youth committee was convened and they decided that we support Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO, as a mission project. Their church was destroyed in the tornado, and they are also trying to call a pastor. A July 24 event is being planned, with all proceeds going to the Joplin church. The event will have kid-friendly activities, and potentially a softball tournament (or other adult-relevant activities). The event will be from 3-7. An outdoor worship service will be held from 6:30-7:00. Leah will contact individuals who may be able to help. There may be a 50/50 raffle.
- Leah has also created an event form that tracks all events. These will be kept in a book and can be used for future event planning.
- At the youth meeting, it was suggested that Leah's title be changed to "Parish Family Ministry Coordinator" to "Youth and Family Ministry Support Staff". The job description would remain the same. Motion made/seconded (Tony/Todd W) to approve the change in the position title.

VIII. Additions to the Agenda

- Add: Vacuum cleaner (Old Business).

VII. Secretary's Report

- Motion made/seconded (Kelly/Todd W) to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

VIII. President's Report

- A note that the Council will not meet in August.

IX. Treasurer's Report

- Motion made/seconded (Kelly/Tony) to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected. Motion carried.

X. Old Business

- AA key. AA would like access to the church, even in inclement weather (and even when the rest of church activities have been canceled). The coordinator does not want to hold the key. Motion made seconded (Kelly/Stefanie) to leave a key at the International Bank of Amherst.
- Marriage Enrichment Program. Gretchen is still pursuing this.
- Elevator oil. One estimate for the oil is \$2000; a second estimate was \$4000. This would come out of the Property Maintenance Expense.
- Motion made and seconded (Ted/Kelly) to allocate \$400 from the Memorial Fund (undesignated) and \$400 from Office Supplies for a vacuum, and to purchase a computer for Leah from the Office Equipment. Motion carried.
- Time and Talent Survey. Todd reviewed the Time and Talent Survey. Comments were given.

- Insurance. Tony will give an update at the next meeting.
- Directory. Dale will be working with Susie and Lori Carlson on the Directory.
- Audit. Barb reported that Jake Barnes is working on a date for the Audit Committee to meet.

XI. Committee Reports

- Lay Ministry/Worship (Tony/Stefanie) – None at this time.
- Evangelism – None at this time.
- Fellowship (Kelly/Chris) – None at this time.
- Education (Barb) – None at this time.
- Youth (Todd P) – Leah reiterated the July 24 event.
- Stewardship (Todd W) – Todd is thinking about the idea of charitable giving through life insurance (church as beneficiary). Feedback on the idea was positive.
- Property (Jon) – The eaves need to be cleaned again.
- Long Range Planning (Ted) – Ted and Pastor Dwight may take the August meeting time to make the changes in the Constitution.
- Social Concerns (Sarah) – None at this time.
- It was noted that the Time and Talent survey is going to help with the overall recruitment of more congregational members for church activities (and committee activities).
- Next meeting: Pastor Gretchen will bring a roster of names to review for associate membership to July's meeting.

XII. Informational Items

- None at this time.

XIII. New Business

- Personnel committee. Todd W will consider participating on the committee.

XIV. Communication to Congregation

- None at this time.

XV. Motion made/seconded (Todd W/Tony) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Beversdorf