

American Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2010

President Jacque Wadzeck called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Absent members: Brian De Vries, David Cross, and Julie Darr.

Pastor Dan led the opening prayer and Jacque read devotions.

The minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Treasurer: No Report

Trustees:

Stewardship: Scott reported the Benevolence Committee met regarding distribution for the 2nd quarter, and decided not to make any changes to the list.

Finance: Sandy, reported that since we had determined we did not need a "signed" audit, but rather an audit by a qualified company, he contacted Holdsworth & Co. He distributed copies of a letter of engagement from them with their terms and fees of \$2000. It was determined that we need an Audit Committee of congregational members, not members of the council or boards. Names were suggested and Sandy will remain liaison between the Audit Committee and Holdsworth & Co. parties. There was additional discussion about the need for an ongoing Finance Committee and its functions. Sandy will contact people to serve on this committee following the audit.

Property: No Report

Deacons: Noel stated that The Rock is seeking volunteers; declined Andrew's request for Haiti fund raising and continue to refine their role/job description.

Board of Education: Melissa highlighted items from the report: VBS was a success with 250 children attending (total we can accommodate); Summer Sunday school continues; toddler playground completed; Ignite Ministries continues "Wild Wednesdays" which will conclude with a Red Airplanes concert on July 10th; IT continues and fall Kidzone will start August 15th, with a picnic and BBQ.

Senior Pastor: Highlights of written report: Dan attended The Lighthouse *Faithlift* Conference and the theme was we are to "be" the church and go out to the people instead of waiting for them to come to us. The Crossfire Ministry continues; Jon and Anja Erickson, missionaries, will be here for the August 1st service; Columbarium Committee is meeting with Peter Bourgois to plan Rules and Regulations, Sales and Construction, along with Attorney Barry Cline. We have received the donation for this project.

Associate Pastor: Mary reported that Contemporary Services have been drawing attention due to a more freestyle kind of service than in the past. She encourages everyone to attend a service and stretch. She will be talking on the gift of tongues at this Sunday's service. She continues to work with LCMC in their constitution and the Prayer Team will be doing a Sunday prayer walk following Sunday morning services.

Parish Life: Highlights of Kate's report include: Shovel and Shine Day had a small hard working group - the next one is scheduled for October 2nd; The Rock Work Day is scheduled for July 17th; a volunteer is needed to take charge of the Council Bulletin Board; She is working on Soul Café and is looking for presenters and facilitators; Food Worker Certification is scheduled for August 11th; the next New Member Sunday is September 12 followed by a congregational potluck; Annual Kids' Clothing Exchange will be on August 14; we will have a float in the Kiddie Parade on July 2nd; and we still need council members to man the information tent after 8:30 and 10:00 services.

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws Update: Jack e-mailed draft documents for the council to review. He noted a change needs to be made for the quorum number for Congregational meetings to be 5% not 10%, Continuing Resolutions were left out and committees were moved to the Bylaws. Bylaws will refer to the charters of boards and committee functions/ descriptions. There was concern voiced that the bylaws would be rolled into the constitution requirements requiring a congregational vote to make changes. One reason the constitution was made to be more general and the bylaws more specific, was that the council could continue to fine tune and change the bylaws as necessary without the congregation having to be involved in every change. This was one of the original goals of re-writing them in this format. It was decided to invite Pastor Frank Caron to the July council meeting to help with this discussion and the requirements as he sees them.

Thrivent Work Day: Jacque stated the building process is delayed so our council work day will be scheduled later this summer. She reminded everyone to call the Habitat office to be trained and certified before this work day.

Post Retreat Status Check: Job descriptions finished and in to Jack? Rick will have an organizational chart finished for the July meeting; Jacque re: communication with staff, Kate will forward our minutes to the staff; Noel is working on re-branding our logo etc.; Sandy and Kate will meet regarding tracking attendance and determine what reports we want; Volunteer Coordinator? Part of the organizational chart; Stewardship, Scott stated we do have a “servant heart” at our church, but we do need more volunteers – Kate stated there is a Rally Day scheduled August 15 to have sign-up sheets for people to volunteer; Brian and Sandy continue to work on establishing the Finance Committee to provide ongoing procedural and policy review.

New Business:

Capital Needs Campaign – discussion was that we are planning to use the building fund for maintenance and repairs, and that the Capital Campaign will be a separate issue. The mortgage will be paid off in 25 months making that money available for ongoing needs for the building.

The next meeting will be July 29th in the parlor at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Beverly Houston, Secretary