

Approved 3/10/09
by Council

St. John's Lutheran Church
MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Reese called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Reese, Pastor Bob, Ann Schoenenberger, Diana Crans, Rhonda Crans, Bob Johnson, Vonnie Hatlen, Barb Howard, Donna Johnson, Kitty Verkuilen, Heather Patterson, Kristian Finfrock.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Shelly Andrew.

DEVOTIONS: Donna Johnson [*Devotions for March meeting: Ken Reese*]

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion by Vonnie Hatlen to approve the secretary's report for January, second by Ann Schoenenberger. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Shelly Andrew highlighted financial report for January.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Wedding Coordinator. Two persons have volunteered for this position. Amy Larsen and Deb will train; approach as possible co-coordinators.
2. Historian. Pastor Bob will place ad for this position in Vision Notes and Epistle.
3. Zero Attendance Report. Pastor Bob suggested waiting for the new computer program which will greatly reduce the time needed to pursue this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coffee Fellowship Kitty Verkuilen discussed success of fellowship, possibly purchasing new coffee makers, going "green", etc. Council directed Kitty to look into costs of new coffee pots.
2. Payment for Organist. Kitty presented new time slips which were prepared by Music and Worship. Committee suggested changing "organist" to "lead instrumentalist". **Motion by Kitty Verkuilen to approve increase in pay for lead instrumentalist to \$75 per Sunday and \$30 per practice, second by Barb Howard. Motion carried.**

3. Vacation Coverage. Ken Reese will contact candidates suggested by council to fill in for Deb while she is on vacation (7/29/09 to 8/13/09).

4. Sunday School Superintendent. Michelle Janes orally resigned as superintendent, effective the end of the current Sunday School year. Three members have volunteered for the position. Matter will be referred to the Personnel Committee, upon receipt of written resignation from Michelle. Education Committee to organize thank-you reception during fellowship.

5. Lead Conference (3/14/2009). Vonnie Hatlen and Kristian Finfrock volunteered to attend the Lead Conference with Pastor Bob.

6. Time and Talent. Kristian Finfrock reported on progress of Time & Talent; "Faith Sunday" being planned for 2/22; brunch, ministry fair, and possible talent contest also discussed.

7. Personnel Committee. **Motion by Donna Johnson, second by Bob Johnson, to accept the nominations of Maynerd Rauk, Steve Hagen, and Carolyn Butts for a Personnel Committee. Motion carried.**

8. New Members. **Motion by Ann Schoenenberger, second by Kitty V., to approve Anika Selvaag, R.J. Laube, and Jenny Bonk as new members. Motion carried.**

6. Web Page. Pastor Bob presented his blog-based website, which he proposed to replace the current website. This secretary was very impressed!! Excellent work Pastor Bob!! **Motion by Kitty V., second by Heather Patterson, to replace St. John's current webpage with Pastor Bob's new blog-based webpage. Motion carried. Motion by Heather Patterson, second by Kitty V. to approve PAY PAL as means for accepting donations via website. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fellowship: Diana reported on progress of "Welcome Station" and Mt. Olympus outing; coordinating Lenten meals.

Parish Ed: Ann reported that committee met with Sunday School teachers.

Music & Worship: Report submitted.

Life & Growth: Vonnie contacted Arlette Spersrud.

Youth: Report submitted. There is a desire by youth in attendance to get youth group active again.

Stewardship: Discussed recycling program.

Bldg & Grounds: Bob reported that all projects are done, except for the "pit", which has to wait for better weather. Library needs desk and shelving. Ken Reese will donate desk.

Social Concerns: Donna Johnson reported on Souper Bowl For Caring.

Mutual Ministry: No report.

Memorials: No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Heather Patterson. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M., following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Crans

