

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2011**

Charlie, with Cheryl giving devotions, called the meeting to order at 7:07.

**Present:** Larry Nihart, Pete Johnson, Cheryl Skrypez, Bill Kneip, Jenny Nordahl, Charlie Jackson, Pastor Jim Woodruff, John Farmer, Patsy Olson, Marissa Amborn, Justin Woodruff & Nicole Ternus.

**Absent:** Marta Hohnstadt, & Anne Jackson-Field.

**Approval of the Minutes:** John made a motion to approve the minutes & Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

**Prayer Concerns:** Jason Schultz.

**Treasurer's Report:** April ended with the current in the positive for the month resulting in reducing the debt. Would like April's report approved since we only had preliminary reports last month. Cheryl made a motion to approve April's Treasurer's Report & Jenny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. May dipped \$4,337.31 in current, which typical for this time of year. Nothing really jumped out. Waste management bill was higher than expected. Childcare is going to be over budget because we have 2 people on & we're continuing the Wed services & not sure about Sun. Very typical, should be able to make Synod & Wapo payment at the end of June. Bill made a motion to approve May's Treasurer's Report & Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Benevolence – \$984.63; Current – (\$13,494.62); Special Designated - \$126,74.08; Capital Fund - \$3,062.60.

**Pastor's Reports:** Group of people who want to do a peace garden if we can get the funding for that. Need funding for \$1500-2000 mainly for the patio. Think about selling blocks? Like to get a video projection system in the sanctuary. Floor to ceiling cabinets in the eating area of the kitchen. Staff how we can help evangelism. We're checking out a resource person about communication system. Summer GAP going good about 25 people who are coming with a snack provided before hand. Encourage you to come. Would like to do a 5:00 BBQ twice this summer. Since we have no budget, this worship was unplanned, requesting funds. Looking for \$75-\$100. Where would the money come from? The money would come from the Wed meal budget & they will ask for donations. Right now in the account is \$505. Bill made a motion to use \$75 from the Wed evening meal funds for the BBQ & Marissa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Sun June 5<sup>th</sup> we received a group of new members & the need to be approved. Pastor Jim made a motion to accept Steven Bartz; Evhen Cameron; Valerie Castillo & Matt Prom; Richard & Marjorie Dummer; Mathew, Katie, Molly & Morgan Nohr; Michael & Karen Parenteau; Marlys Schaefer; Juneal Sutherling; & Jennette Wasmund; Brian Berman, Erik Lindwall; Jim Hauth; Jen Brumm & Kayla Nelson as new members & Pete 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Summer worship schedule was handed out. Baptisms: none. Weddings: Mandy Wagner & Don Hyatt (05-14-11); Scott Trenda & Alexis Benimon (05-21-11).

**Property:** Projects completed: 2<sup>nd</sup> 5' pamphlet holder installed by main entrance. Large steel cross on roof sanded, primed & painted. New doors installed. Finish grade & seed parking lot drainage area. Clean-up day. Patch & seed lawn to repair plow damage. Paint 6 aisle candleholders white. Fix women's bathroom door. Reattach downspout on County Rd E side of bldg. Paint S wall of

conference room bright green. Up coming projects: WB glass will finish the doors. Initial discussion of peace garden. Handicap hardware installed on doors.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Finance:** Next ministry night review 6 month spending trend & evaluate budget v actual. Develop report to ministry teams to advise on budget dollars still available & what/where dollars have been spent to date. Hopefully it will be available for next ministry night. Current giving through May is on plan (still running a deficit) but suspect summer giving to follow traditional trend & will see a decrease in giving.

**Worship & Music:** No report.

**Social Ministry:** No report.

**Fellowship:** No report.

**Evangelism:** No report.

**Adult Learning:** No report.

**Youth Ministry:** No report.

**Children's Ministry:** No report.

**Memorial Projects:** Doors thank you to Bill. We are ordering a new handle when that comes we'll install weather-strip, install bumpers so doors only open so far. Need an electrician for the openers. Sign – met with Lois Brosi, Tom Scott, & Matt Nordahl looked at area can't be grand fathered in because of new construction. Got sticker shock. Met with someone who would make sign & we make the pedestal. City came out & notified Pastor Jim where we want to put the sign isn't possible. Sign guy won't do anything until we know where the sign goes. If we are to do this we need to do some surveying, find metal stakes in the ground. Lois wants to go back to the general contractor route. Contractor would be responsible if anything goes wrong. Can't we seek a variance? Sign where it is now is not on our property. Are we going to canvas the neighbors before we start to make sure everyone is ok with it? We have a limited amount of money so not sure we want to go the general contractor route but if we do it'll get done quicker. Is this something that has to be done this year? Would it be beneficial to wait a year to get everything in place & be in a little better financial situation? Money is coming from memorials. No there isn't a need but it should be done area churches are putting up new signs. 1<sup>st</sup> option is to go for the variance – are you willing to settle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> best option?

**Everyone in Mission:** How are we doing on calling people? Jenny called all the people Larry didn't get a list. At least call & thank them for volunteering. Need to focus on getting committee chairs.

**Demographics:** Charlie will get a copy of trends & what they city is planning. Willing to come & have a conversation with the Council.

**Fun Run/Picnic:** Start with run/walk in parking lot have a wheeled race. Make it more kid friendly. Health fair will run concurrently. Advertise in the paper. Wants to incorporate the ministry team info into it.

**New Members:** Why are they here – coziness & the small feel. Another thing is the people that approached them in church. If you see someone you don't know say hello. Healing service brought someone in.

Larry made a motion to adjourn & Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Ternus.