

**OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2011**

PRESENT: Pastor Maurice, Russ Leyk, Shannon Cortright, Charlotte Peters, Shirley Mitchell, Rebecca Burgener, Patti Lutzke, Anne Torkelson, Carie Truckey, Tina Kiefer, Dan Szulczewski, and Cindy Wilson

EXCUSED: Roger Anderson

VISITING: Irv Bork

Meeting called to order by Russ Leyk.

Pastor Maurice read devotions.

Irv reported on behalf of the Fair stand Committee. He said that the committee met and wanted to advise council that they can still put the paperwork together for the fair stand, but physically, they are unable to run the fair stand. The Fair stand Committee is requesting guidance and support from the Council to encourage people to sign up to work at the fair stand. They are also looking for a commitment for two day chairpersons for each day of the fair week. The Fair Stand Committee would be happy to give on-site training for anyone interested in being a day chairperson. Irv advised that last year JoAnne Opsahl called every person that had indicated on their Time and Talent Sheet that they would consider working at the fair stand and either people would not return her calls or they had other obligations. She received very little response to her calls. The council encourages the Fair Stand Committee to set out sign up sheets early again this year. The Council will also come up with ideas to encourage people to sign up to work.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and motion was made by Carie to accept the report as printed. Motion was seconded by Dan, and the motion passed.

The financial report was reviewed. Carie reported that Benevolence is showing short, but it is not. Money has been coming in for tornado relief and for the Deacon's Fund, so officially the Benevolence is current. She also reported the Dedicated Funds are now with Edward Jones.

Rebecca moved to accept the Financial Report. Charlotte seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Team Reports:

Christian Education

No Council action needed.

Outreach

No Council action needed. Patti reported that ten Easter baskets were delivered. The Breaking Bread meal went well with about 200 people in attendance. Also, Patti reported the PowerPoint is ready for the new member reception. Outreach will be focusing on the Crop Walk next. A suggestion was made that laminated cards be designed with the name of Our Saviour's and telephone number printed on them for members to carry so that in case of an emergency, a health care provider could be informed of the member's church affiliation. Rebecca advised the church does have a laminator and she will work on designing the cards.

Property & Maintenance

Russ advised that Roger Anderson had to resign from Church Council due to a scheduling conflict. Property & Maintenance recommended the purchase of a safety sensor to be purchased and installed for the pastor's garage door. Charlotte moved that a sensor be purchased and installed for the garage door. Carie seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Worship & Music

No council action needed. Music appreciation Sunday is scheduled for June 5, the first 9:00 A.M. service of the summer worship schedule. The team decided that a small reception should be held in the lounge after the service as an opportunity for the congregation to relax and get to know each other better. On June 19th The Harmonizers will be singing a number of songs at the 9:00 A.M. service. A fellowship time will be held afterwards in the lounge with coffee, punch, and bars/cookies. Pastor Maurice commented that he is comfortable choosing the hymns for the services. He is also considering a "Favorite Hymns Sunday," where the congregation can make requests for their favorite hymns to be sung.

Youth & Family

No council action needed. The Flamingo Project is going over very well. They reported they are right on track for the amount of funds needing to be raised this year. Plans are underway for a Middle School Mini Mission Weekend Retreat for those entering grades 7 through 9.

Tina moved to accept the Team reports as printed. Rebecca seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Members transferred out: Carolyn Kniess to Christ UMC, Merrill

Removed from Rolls: Robert Spears (deceased)

Funerals: Karen Dietzler (April 12, 2011)

Received many good comments on the Holy Week/Easter Celebration. Pastor Maurice attended the WI River Conference meeting April 14 at Bethlehem in Kronenwetter. Pastor Maurice attended a presentation by Rev. Brian Konkol, missionary to South Africa. Pastor reported he is getting around to all the Committee meetings, activities, etc., to learn about their functioning and vision. Pastor Maurice is presently the President of the Board for Lutheran Campus Ministry, UW Oshkosh. Pastor Maurice preached for LCM worship on April 6 and attended the board meeting April 26.

Pastor Maurice reported he is receiving correspondence from other churches on how they can help the tornado victims. Pastor is looking for long-term relief. He is encouraging those that inquire to do money-raising events and that money can be placed in the Deacon's Fund for on-going support.

Pastor Maurice is planning a Visioning Session for the congregation on May 22. He is looking for a suggestion date for the Baccalaureate service. Pastor and Rebecca will decide on a date and time for the Baccalaureate service.

Installation service is planned for May 26, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. Rebecca volunteered to do the invitations for the installation service. Anne will talk to Emily regarding a reception for the installation service.

Pastor Maurice will be taking vacation June 6 through June 11, so he will not be available for the Saturday evening service.

Pastor Maurice is to get two estimates for moving and let Russ know what they are. The Executive Committee has already approved the moving expense expenditure.

Pastor is scheduled for Synod Assembly June 3-4 and the pre-assembly evening of June 2. Pastor Maurice will be attending a portion of the Confirmation Camp week of June 12 - 17 at Waypost.

Technology: Cell phone issues are resolved. Jamie is keeping her own service and will be reimbursed. Pastor Maurice has a cell phone service that will stay with Our Saviour's. A laptop has been purchased and installed.

"Potluck to End World Hunger" Rebecca explained that congregations schedule potlucks throughout the year and the donations given at the potluck are given to "World Hunger." Outreach will look into this ministry.

Relay for Life registration fee was requested to be paid from church funds. Charlotte moved that the registration fee be paid out of the church funds. Rebecca seconded the motion, motion passed. Marlene can check into where the funds should be disbursed from.

The Dedicated Fund Policy was reviewed. Shirley moved to adopt the policy, Anne seconded the motion, motion passed.

Goals and Objectives: Part of the Visioning Session will be made part of the Goals and Objectives.

Council decided not to meet in July unless the need would arise.

The August meeting is planned to be held at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Shirley Mitchell with a potluck dinner and the meeting to follow.

If Council members have a person in mind to replace the position left open by Roger Anderson, please contact Russ before contacting that person.

Rebecca moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Anne, motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia Wilson
Secretary