

**OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2011**

PRESENT: Russ Leyk, Charlotte Peters, Shirley Mitchell, Rebecca Burgener, Carie Truckey, Tina Kiefer, Dan Szulczewski, and Cindy Wilson

EXCUSED: Pastor Maurice, Shannon Cortright, Patti Lutzke

ABSENT: Anne Torkelson

VISITING: Al Handlin

Meeting called to order by Russ Leyk.

Russ led the committee in prayer.

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

Al Handlin reported on the improvements to the lighting and ballasts in the church basement. He said that Steve Strassman gave a quote for the cost of replacing the ballasts and new lighting for the basement and for the kitchen. He said Steve will take back the old ballasts and receive a credit for them. Carie reported that the Finance Committee had already approved up to \$6,000 for the lighting improvements to the church basement and kitchen. After discussion, Carie moved that Property and Maintenance should go ahead with the plan to do the necessary improvements to the basement lighting and kitchen lighting and to authorize an additional \$1,000 over the previously approved amount. Rebecca seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Russ reported that Pastor Maurice has picked out colors for the interior of the parsonage. Al recommended that Pastor Maurice go to Ace to pick up color charts.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Carie reported that scrip funds have not been transferred since January. After discussion, it was decided that once all the moving expenses are covered for Pastor Maurice, the Council can look into investing the scrip monies. The Finance Committee reported that Bishop Justman made an appeal to congregations for assistance that may be available to help with the flood damage expenses to the ECSW office. The Finance Committee recommended revisiting this in the fall.

There was a question on how to handle the account for rent reimbursement. Council recommends creating a new revenue account for the rent. Carie will advise Marlene to set up an account. Rebecca moved to accept the Financial Report. Dan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Team Reports:

Christian Education

No report for June and no Council action needed. Discussion was held regarding an organization chart to be displayed so when people have a question they can refer to the chart to see whom they can direct their question to.

Outreach

No Council action needed. After discussion regarding exit interviews, Council suggested that if exit interviews are being considered, that it is at the Outreach Team's discretion to do them.

Stewardship

No Council action needed. Working on new member program presentation. Reported that only two persons along with Shirley Engel attended the Highway Clean up on May 21.

Worship & Music

No report and no council action needed.

Youth & Family

No council action needed. The youth room will be available at the end of the week. The clothing that was in the room is being picked up by St. Vincent's and by Easter Seals.

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

Pastor's Report

No action required by Council

Pastor plans on having his family moved in and residing in Merrill August 1.

He has vacation scheduled for July 11 through July 15. Pastor Maurice has been asked to serve for the on-call Chaplain rotation for the Merrill Hospital. Council wishes him well if he decides to pursue this. Pastor Maurice received two estimates for moving expenses. It was recommended to accept the lower bid, which was Graebel.

Discussion was held regarding the open Council member seat.

Russ recommended Norm Hanson to fill the open council member seat to replace Roger Anderson.

Rebecca moved to accept Norm Hanson as the replacement on the Council for Roger Anderson. Shirley seconded the motion. Discussion held, and the motion was passed. Russ will let Norman know he was voted in as the new Council member.

The August meeting will be held August 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Shirley Mitchell. There will be a potluck starting at 5:00 with the meeting to follow at 6:00. Spouses are invited to join the potluck.

Discussion was held regarding the Vision Session Pastor Maurice held on May 22. There were about 30 people in attendance. Council will wait to hear from Pastor Maurice as to his ideas regarding the Vision Session.

Discussion was held regarding the Lay Ministry. There was a suggestion for a Temple Talk for Lay Ministry to be held in the future.

Rebecca moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Carie, motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia Wilson
Secretary