

**OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 2011**

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

Meeting called to order by Russ Leyk. Council thanked Shirley for hosting the Council picnic.

Devotions were read by Pastor Maurice.

Council welcomed Norm Hanson as a new member to the Council to fill the vacant position left by Roger Anderson.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Tina to accept the report with the removal of the word "that" in the fourth paragraph of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Shirley, and the motion passed.

The financial report was reviewed. Carie reported that there was a shortage of \$25 in the checking account at the end of July. The preliminary accounting for the fair stand showed a profit of about \$5,000, which is down around \$2,200 from last year.

Shannon moved to accept the Financial Report. Dan seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Team Reports:

Christian Education

No activity in July.

Outreach

Patti reported that they are working on the Crop Walk. The date is October 9. They are looking at giving out prizes to attract the younger crowd.

Property & Maintenance

Discussion was held regarding the placement of cement curbs for the two parking spaces in the back to protect the flowers planted at that location. Charlotte questioned who keeps track of the expenses for each standing committee. It was reported that each team is to keep track of their own budget so they do not go over.

Stewardship

No activity in July.

Worship & Music

Anne reported the team is looking into fresh flowers for the corsages versus silk for the confirmation youth. The team is also looking into stipends for special music.

Youth & Family

Becky reported the youth activities are going great. The new youth room is working out well also.

Becky moved to accept the Team reports as printed. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Maurice attended the Mission Trip to Kadoka, South Dakota. He is in the process of developing a workable schedule to visit shut ins. He is working with the Christian Education Team to plan and select material for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year. He is in the process of meeting with Lay School graduates to discern their gifts and how they are/may want to be involved in Our Saviour's ministry. He is also in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Mutual Ministry Team. Pastor continues to be involved in chairing the Lutheran Campus Ministry, UW Oshkosh. He is on the roster for the Theological Conference to be held October 10-12.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the Confirmation Program. Upon recommendation of the Christian Education Team, it was moved by Anne that the Confirmation Program be switched from 6, 7, and 8 grades to 7, 8, and 9 grades. With three Retreats to be held plus Confirmation Classes. Motion seconded by Norm Hanson, motion passed.

The Deacon's Fund Guidelines changes were discussed. Pastor Maurice recommended that when we receive a request for assistance, that it is kept until the books are audited at the end of the year. Tina recommended checking with the financial auditors to see how long requests should be kept on file before they are destroyed. Carie suggested changing verbiage from "Tornado Relief" to "Local Disaster Relief." After further discussion, it was agreed that once it is determined what the timeframe is to keep requests for relief the verbiage be changed to reflect that timeframe. It was also recommended that the verbiage be changed from "Tornado Relief" to "Natural Disaster Relief." With that recommendation, Patti moved to amend verbiage from "Tornado Relief" to "Natural Disaster Relief" and approve revised Deacon's Fund with changes made to the timeframe to keep requests for assistance as recommended by the auditors. Anne seconded the motion, motion passed. Rebecca and Pastor Maurice abstained from voting.

Direct Deposit for payroll checks was discussed. It was recommended that Direct Deposits for salaried employees be made on the 1st of the month and the 15th of the month. It was also recommended that for Tim's check the requirement for two signatures be removed. After further discussion, Dan moved to change the requirement for two signatures for Tim's checks and that the pay date be changed for salaried employees to the 1st and 15th of the month. Charlotte seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rebecca and Pastor Maurice abstained from voting. Cindy is to draft a letter to the treasurer reflecting this change.

Rebecca requested permission to attend a continuing workshop entitled "Workers in Paradise Synod," which would require a registration fee of \$115. Tina moved to approve Rebecca's attendance at this workshop and the registration fee of \$115. Anne seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rebecca abstained from voting.

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

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia Wilson
Council Secretary