

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 12th, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Present: Joe Clark, Gordon Crow, Tami Doom, Jeff Jorgenson, Pam Larsen, Corlys Knudson, Linda Konn, Shelly Maes, Mark Mather, Luanne Mjelde, Marlene Nordby, Dawn Planting, Pam Russell, David Sample, Rebecca Steilen, Pam Sukalski, Tim Tomasek, Tonya Tomasek, and Shana Zahrbock .

President Jeff Jorgenson called the council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The group read Mark 2, then discussed what caught our attention. As in the Executive Council meeting, it was noted that the paralyzed man had very loyal and dedicated friends to be willing to not only carry him to Jesus, but to cut through the roof so he might be lowered into Jesus' presence. We hope we can be (and have) this kind of friends.

The sign-up sheet for serving communion was sent around, encouraging the council members to help communion this summer.

Pastor's Report: Rally Sunday, September 13th, has been suggested as a time for a welcome reception for Jacqueline Rostad, the intern who will be arriving in mid-August.

It was suggested that Pastor Dahl be strongly encouraged to take time off in the next year. Additional compensation for additional work will not be determined until the full extent of intern expenses is known.

Secretary's Report: Gordon Crow moved, seconded by Tim Tomasek that the minutes be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Giving is more than was expected, according to the 2009 Plan. The Net Margin (shortage) actually shows the drop in market value of the Foundation Funds. The checking account balance will be kept between \$5,000 - \$7,000. A balance over \$7000 will be kept in the savings account and transferred back as needed. The old van has been sold; the money from the sale will be applied to the loan on the new van. Joe Clark moved, seconded by Gordon Crow that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. Intern Update:** Jacqueline Rostad, the intern, was in Marshall in late April. Several staff and council members met her. Sunday, August 16th, will be her first Sunday at First Lutheran. Pastor Dahl will be at the seminary on May 19-20.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee update:** The committee has not met in the last month, but plans to resume meeting in the near future.
- C. Access to the Safe Deposit Box:** The council minutes giving authorization of access to the safe deposit box were given to Pastor Dahl, and all of those

authorized have signed the authorization card at the bank except Pastor Dahl. Pam will follow up on this matter.

D. Adjustments to 2009 Plan: no action was taken.

E. Benevolence: Synod Assembly Offerings: Gordon Crow moved, seconded by Joe Clark, that First Lutheran give the following offerings at the Synod Assembly:

1. **\$600** to be split equally by the synod between: the Leadership Fund, Peace Lutheran Church in Slidell, LA, and the Prisoners of Hope Ministry at Appleton, MN
2. **\$500** to be given to World Hunger.

The motion carried.

F. Suggestion for use of benevolence money: The Gillett Children's Mobile Outreach Program comes to the service cooperative here in Marshall once a month to adjust the protective headgear, wheelchairs, assisted technologies, lap trays, etc. for children with disabilities. United Way helps to fund this program, but additional funding is needed. Approximately 125 people are served with this program.

G. Intern Committee: This committee presently has 3 members: Joe Clark, Lori Obler, and Jim Marshall. Tonya Tomasek volunteered to serve on the committee on behalf of the youth of First Lutheran. A senior adult / couple will be sought to complete the committee.

New Business: There was none.

Committee Reports:

A. Property & Management Committee: It was reported that Johnson Control has suggested that the heating and cooling systems be given regular checks and maintenance. 2 options were given: 1. cost: \$6,000 2. cost: \$3,800 With regular checks and maintenance, the systems would have fewer problems and would last longer. Pam Russell moved, seconded by Pam Larsen that First Lutheran use the \$3,800 plan and the money be taken from the Lunde Fund in 2009, and that this expense be put into the plan for 2010. The motion carried.

B. Youth Ministry: Tonya Tomasek recently attended a continuing education workshop on Pastoral Care for Youth. Fundraising has been completed; the collecting of final payments, final planning and meetings, and group building meetings are now being done. Those going to the youth gathering paid about 46% of their trip themselves. Summer programs are being worked on. There will be 33 high school graduates. One of the directors of G 3 just graduated from college. Some high school girls will be leading the group in the fall. Tonya will be helping with the staff training at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The 7th graders did the road clean-up. Pastor Wasberg gave the youth a cross that will be taken on the youth trips and included in the youth activities while he is gone. The committee is looking at some different fundraising options.

- C. Social Ministries:** There will be 39 volunteers going to Sioux Falls to help serve at The Banquet. There will be another opportunity to serve in October. Garden vegetables will be grown and given to the Food Shelf. Volunteers are working at Esther's Kitchen on a regular basis. Check the bulletin board to sign up. The committee is looking into the need to provide funding for dental care of those experiencing hard times.
- D. First Lutheran Women:** First Lutheran hosted the SW MN Synod Women's Gathering on May 7th and 8th. 330+ women attended / day. There was an overwhelming response to the in kind offering. Cleaning the church was not accomplished due to the lack of workers. It was noted that the church needs a thorough cleaning; cleaning tasks that the church does not have the funds to pay the custodians to do. There will be a party for those in the church who are 80 years of age and older.
- E. Worship and Music Committee:** The committee met with the choir directors to even out the special music during the year. A master schedule is in the works. A men's choir has been added to participate in worship twice a year. There was concern expressed about choir members leaving in the middle of worship.
- F. Education Committee:** Sunday School wrapped up on May 3rd with a Hunger Banquet. There will be a Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast on May 17th. Bible School plans are going well. Sunday School curriculum will be the next project.
- G. Evangelism Committee:** The remaining directories and offering envelopes will be delivered by members of the Evangelism Committee.
- H. Stewardship Committee:** A new stewardship program will be brought to the council at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Nordby,
Council Secretary