

## Church Council Meeting. Tuesday February 8th.

Members present, Sheila Sharping, Pastor Meiers, Jim Peska, Jodi Miller, Karen Mitchell, Tammy Kelly, Joel Brude, Jay Swalve, Karen Ostermann, and Erica Kittelson.

Sheila Sharping called to the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Meiers led the group in devotions.

Sheila welcomed the new members of the council and thanked everyone for volunteering to serve on the council.

Doug Sing was present to discuss alter renovations with the council. Sheila mentioned that we would like to have the renovations included in this year's budget instead of the improvement fund. The original alter plans included removing the platform and putting in a wood floor. New plans were discussed and are as follows; Keep the platform, move the pulpit and lectern back, move the alter forward and extend the middle step to become the kneeler. The screens in the front of the first pew may have to be moved or removed. The cost of these plans would mainly be labor and carpet. It was mentioned that Lloyd lumber may have lumber to donate. Pastor Meiers, Jim Peska, Joel Brude, Sheila Sharping, Doug Sing and Rick Buck will meet the next couple of Sundays to come up with a final plan.

Sheila asked for a volunteer to read the minutes of the last meeting. Tammy Kelly read.

Joel Brude made a motion to approve. Jim Peska seconded. Minutes approved.

Sheila suggested that the notes from the December council meeting be read and approved as they weren't available at the last meeting. Tammy Kelly read.

Jim Peska made motion to approve, Jodi Miller seconded. Notes approved.

The financial secretary was not present so the financial secretary's report was not read. It was mentioned that Tess Goodyear has offered to be the new financial secretary.

Karen Ostermann read the Treasurer's Report. She reported that the money given to Cross Roads, Lutheran Social Services and the ELCA will come out of the 2005 budget. She said that the weekly budget for 2005 is \$1,780 and that budget amount had been met only 1 week in January.

Jim Peska made a motion to approve, Tammy Kelly seconded. Report approved.

### Committee Reports

#### Property:

Alter renovation plan and numbers will be pulled together and presented at the next meeting.

Jim Peska reported that 5 of the 6 thermostats have been installed. There have been some issues with sensors burning out; the furnace manufacturer will be contacted.

Jim Peska proposed removing the coat rack outside of the furnace room and building a storage shelf. Cost of the shelving would be approximately \$100.

Joel Brude made a motion to approve the shelving. Jay Swalve seconded. Motion approved.

The toilet in the women's bathroom has been patched. Parts are in for a more permanent fix.

### Youth:

Jodi Miller said that the youth would like to decorate their new room. They would like to paint, sign a wall, paint the ELCA logo on a wall and put up some posters. Council settled on 4 colors to choose from, allowed for signing name and year to a wall, and putting the ELCA logo on a wall. Jodi mentioned the youth would also like a whiteboard. There is a possibility that someone might donate a whiteboard. Joel Brude said that GCO might donate a carpet remnant and Pastor Meiers suggested moving the couch from his office into the room.

### Mission Committee:

Joel said there was nothing to report for the mission committee.

### Pastor's Report:

The Conference Assembly will be held Sunday February 13th. Issues of the Synod Conference will be raised and discussed here. Council members are encouraged to attend.

On Sunday March 13th there will be a "Dealing With Conflict" workshop in Owatonna. Joel Brude and Pastor Meiers attended last year and recommended the workshop to the council.

Pastor said that he will be leaving Saturday February 12th to attend continuing ed. courses. He will return February 18th. Pastor Anne Hockenstad will lead the February 13th service and Tim Howland will do the Lenten service on February 16th.

Pastor mentioned that we need someone to take over the documentation of the communion records. Esther Kuntz is no longer able. Jodi Miller will take over the duty. A thank you will be sent to Esther for all of the years she did the record keeping.

Pastor told the council that the Large Print books have arrived. The Lutheran Book of Worship is a 3 ring binder. Each Sunday the appropriate service is placed in the binder. The books were set out for the first time on Sunday February 6th.

### Old Business:

Sheila Sharping said that the Belgian waffle tickets have been printed. She suggested starting sales February 8th. Each family should try to sell at least 10 tickets. Ticket prices are \$6 and \$4. Shelia asked what the matching funds would be. Karen Mitchell will find out the yearly allotment and divide between the improvement fund, Luther League, and CLCW.

Sheila stated that she and Tammy Kelly have been working on the new hub book but have a few questions. They will meet with Pastor Meiers Friday, February 11th to discuss and finish the books. Pastor Meiers will send out a rough draft to the March and April hub groups.

Sheila proposed that Calvary adopt a computer policy stating that the church laptop and office computers be used for church business only. She passed around a copy of the policy for council members to read. Jodi Miller made a motion to accept the policy, Tammy Kelly seconded. Policy approved.

Pastor Meiers said that the harddrive on the office computer is going bad and soon will be un-repairable.

### New Business:

Joel asked for an update on permission notices to put photos of congregation members on the web site. Tammy is working on and will put in each member's mailbox soon. Joel has found software the church can buy to host the

website from a personal computer. The cost of the program is \$80. If we hire Wendy Farak to maintain the site the cost would be \$250/year. Jana Peska has expressed interested in maintaining the sight if it doesn't take up to much capacity on her computer. Joel will contact Wendy on the space, and contact the manufacturer of the program to inquire on licensing. The program needs to be compatible with Macintosh (church laptop) and PC platforms (Jana's computer).

Jim Peska made a motion to approve the purchase of the software if the license and space requirements are met. Sheila has the final say in the purchase. Karen Mitchell seconded. Motion approved.

Sheila asked if the church should have and Easter program. A concern would be who would head up the program.

Joel discussed softball. The men's team has enough players and there is interest on the coed. Entry fees are due by February 15th. Fees are \$370 for men's \$320 for coed. Men's fees are worked into the budget. Joel will see if someone will write a check for the coed and split the cost between the players.

#### New Business:

Joel made a motion to give the offering from the first Lenten supper to the youth fund. The fund goes toward bible camp and the national youth gathering.

Jodi Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

Jim Peska brought up the old photos in the file cabinet of the Sunday school supply room. Should they be put somewhere safe due to their historical content? Perhaps a fire safe should be purchased.

Joel Brude stated that the garbage isn't always being taken out by a hub member after Sunday coffee. Jodi suggested creating a checklist to put in the kitchen.

Jodi asked that a new head of the youth group be found. She has stepped down and is waiting for a replacement. Jim Peska suggested a notice be distributed to the parents. Joel suggested Pastor Ann Hockenstad. Pastor suggested Heidi Hermel who was a Green Lake Counselor and have Ann be an assistant. He will talk to both.

Karen Mitchell showed the council the video of "Luther" that she purchased for the church. She also asked about Tsunami relief. Pastor said that we have \$400 for matching funds.

Karen asked about the prayer list. Gale Gremel is working on.

Jim Peska made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned.