

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014
7:00 PM

Present: Heather Heckel, Glen Kellogg, Tinky Keen, Pastor Eric, Stephanie Feaser, Ernie Foltz, Gerald Ransone, Faith Hopson, Shannon Fleming

Absent: (excused) Ferrell Newman, Bruce Matson, Chad Foltz

Guest: Patty Franz

- 1) Devotions - Stephanie Feaser
- 2) Approve May's Minutes—Changes made to include approval of payment to Pastor Kristin for the remainder of the month of May, motioned, approved with changes
- 3) Guest Speakers
- 4) Space Request, Richmond Weaving Guild: Guest - Patty Franz—Currently this group meets at Lakeside Presbyterian (Jane Dry's work church). The church has a nursery school and the Weaving Guild needs a different place to meet. The group meets 2nd Wednesday of each month 10am-12 noon, September through June. They would also like to use the kitchen for coffee, drink their coffee in the work room, and to have their storage cabinet on premises. Cabinet is locked, and a key would be left with Katy if necessary (but all it contains is meeting books). One concern is where the cabinet would go (standard metal 2-door cabinet). Several options were discussed. Paul suggested, with reorganizing of the fellowship hall closet, the cabinet would fit in the closet. One possibility would be to add a nice sign on the cabinet, so people would know what it was used for. Another possibility is the room next to the Christian Ed closet, it could accommodate the cabinet. One of the unused Sunday school rooms could be a storage location. No extra keys would need to be disbursed, Patty has a key, and the building should be open. Tinky moved to approve the motion, motion approved unanimously. They will start in September.
- 5) Pastor's Report
 - a) Rally Day God's work, Our Hands (ELCA sponsored community outreach event). Jennifer John is overseeing this
 - b) Young families meeting June 7th, good turnout, excitement about what's going on, and possibilities in the future. Will meet July 8th, and September 13th. Conversation leans towards having a "young families ministry" umbrella that covers VBS, Littlest Lutherans, etc.—all aspects that impact young families. Focus was on faith formation, and what they like about children's programs and the church. One slightly surprising outcome was there was no "shushing" of young children during the service at this church. One thing that did not come up was the paid nursery attendant. This should be discussed more seriously.
 - c) Men's group is going well and worked on the kitchen, new water heater and flooring. Replacing tiles near the kitchen exit, and other handyman chores.
 - d) Youth ministry: Ernie Foltz and Jane Dry have agreed to serve as interim coordinators for youth ministry. We will have a meeting of older youth and

parents together, similar to the young families group.

- e) Singles gathering, Young couples gatherings, will start during the summer and into the fall. Goal of all of these is to find commonality, what their vision and needs are, etc.
- f) Approved having BNI (Business Networking International) meeting last Wednesday; Pastor Eric attended one of their Wednesday meetings. Purpose of the group is to network, educate and share knowledge.

6) Ministry Team Reports

- a) Stewardship—Jim Ingraham met with Pastor Eric and Pastor Niceley from Fredericksburg, and discussed opportunities and approaches. Trying to construct a stewardship team for the coming year. Meeting will be July 9th and the 23rd. Jim would like 5-8 people on the team.
- b) Evangelism—Gerald Ransone—needs some more members on the team. Want to look at quarterly activities (baseball games, plays, etc). Umbrella advertising/program. Asking one member to build cases out front by mailbox for umbrellas for people to use. Have member giveaways to various local businesses, tied in with donations from these businesses. Council thinks this is a good idea; no church moneys will be spent.
- c) Vision team, community questionnaire pretty much finished, have people to contact to help distribute them. Identified community members to distribute to. Have possible dates for cottage meetings, to include Bible study and more information about what their vision is for the church, and begin to share the results of the community surveys. Mid-June singles cottage meetings, other geographical area cottage meetings in mid-July.
- d) Sunday school. Still trying for a leader for children's Sunday School. Some discussion on the vision of the children's Sunday school. Trenton Hizer and Harry Heckel will coordinate adult Sunday school. July 13th, VBS starts, will include adult classes, run by Pastor Eric. Theme is Camp Friendship. Suggestion that we contact our shepherd list and contact young families.

7) Treasurer's Report

- a) We are in the black for the month of May. Expenses will be down in salary are for the rest of the year. We need to continue to keep the congregation updated about the Pray it Forward campaign. Additional expenses are still undefined: youth, Sunday school, paying a nursery attendant, etc. We can increase benevolence, stabilize the reserve fund, and fund unanticipated building expenses. Pastor Eric motioned we increase our benevolence by \$500 monthly starting in July and continuing through the end of the year. Notification made to the congregation, asking to keep up their pledge to Pray it Forward. Paul noted that he will subtract that amount from the Pray it Forward pledge, and the \$6000 would not appear as an increased budget item. 2nd, voted unanimously approved.
- b) Property Issues

- Kitchen roof—the northern skylight and a 5-ft radius around it is concave, squishy, and crunchy, and basically suspicious looking. We need to identify the cause of the problem. Richard is going to contact the initial contractor for evaluation. Another soft spot is between the commons and sanctuary, and needs to be evaluated. This needs to be addressed very soon.
- Window broken in large classroom, bid from the previous contractor is significantly more than what we spent previously. Pastor Eric suggested we look at a contact from the BNI.
- Richard is still modifying the list of tasks for the janitorial service.
- Stained glass window repair status?
- Contact the Y to see if they would contribute to the stripping and waxing of the floors.
- Parking lot issues need to be a long term goal of setting aside funds for eventual repairs.
- Flooding under library and into the choir room. Neither sump pump is operating, but this probably isn't the cause of the flooding.

8) Old Business

- a) Budget Group Report—hasn't met yet
- b) Council Nominations for 2015—requesting nominations
- c) Other Old Business

9) New Business

- a) Other New Business

10) Next Meeting: July 21 (NOTE date change due to VBS)

11) Remarks for the Good of the Church/Closing