

American Lutheran Church
August 7, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved)

President Keith Spilker called the meeting to order. There were no devotions. Michael Welsh, Trevor Hanson, Liz Cooper, Jane Plettner-Nielson, and Doug Dexter were excused.

Approval of Minutes.

Because this was a shortened meeting, minutes from July were not presented. They will be presented at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Char Rohl reported that for July budget income was under budget by \$1,814.28. Expenses were \$1,062.96 less than budget. Year to date budget income is \$1,304.13 under budget, and expenses are \$28.31 less than budget. \$626 in extra principal was paid to the Phase III mortgage in July. Joel Bacon moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Wheeler seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports.

Because this was a shortened meeting, Committee reports from July were not presented. They will be presented at the September meeting.

Director of Music Report (Jane Plettner-Nielson)

- See attached written report.

Pastor's Report

Because this was a shortened meeting, Pastor did not present a report.

Executive Committee Report.

Because this was a shortened meeting, the Executive Committee did not present a report.

Old Business.

- none.

New Business.

- Mike Wheeler reported there was a bid to work on the pews. Estimate of between \$1,000 to \$1,500. Mike Wheeler made a motion to spend up to \$1500 from the capital improvement fund to repair pews. Char Rohl seconded the motion. The motion carried
- Pastor Henry informed council that Synod had requested the Lincoln Cluster be able to use the Church for the Cluster's October 16 mission meeting, which will involve putting kits together for prisoners. Pastor Henry made a motion to allow the Lincoln Cluster to use the church on October 16 for its mission meeting. Mike Wheeler second. The motion carried.
- Wendy reminded everyone that pictures of committees are needed before the end of August for the new directory.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8.

Char Rohl made a motion to adjourn. Joel Bacon seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Bacon
Secretary

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 1, 2011

It was a year ago this month when I started working for American Lutheran Church. The year has gone by very quickly and I am pleased to continue to serve you.

We are preparing for choir rehearsals to resume. After an informal survey of musicians in the various groups, I have revised the rehearsal schedule. Joyful Noise, Gospel Rings, and the Sanctuary Choir will start 15 minutes later than last year. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse 45 minutes instead of an hour. The Praise Team rehearsals will continue to start at 8:00. I was pleased that some adults indicated a later start time would work better for their schedules, too. It is my hope that more parents can bring their children to Joyful Noise. I must admit, the later start time would work better for my schedule as well. Hopefully it will be a win-win for everyone.

Special Music for the summer months has been quite successful. There has been a nice variety with vocal as well as instrumental pieces being played, and children as well as adults have participated.

As hard as I have tried to respect the traditions and teachings of any church I have served, I nonetheless discovered a lack of knowledge in the area of worship leaders. In an attempt to keep the fifth graders in last year's Joyful Noise group active in the music program, I was encouraging them to continue by joining any group, in any capacity. It was explained to me just recently, however, that the singers on the Praise Teams are considered worship leaders and therefore must be confirmed members. The youth that are no longer in Joyful Noise but have not been confirmed can still participate in Gospel Rings, the Sanctuary Choir, and they can play instruments in the ensemble that accompanies the Praise Teams. Since I had publicized that the Praise Teams were for youth in grade 6 through adult ever since I started here, I was surprised that only recently did someone discover what I intended. I have done what I can to explain my error to those involved. I can only hope the church will forgive my lack of knowledge. Thank you.

Activities:

Attended the July Council meeting

Attended the July Worship Committee meeting

Am unable to participate in weekly staff meetings as the time has been changed to be during the day and I have a full-time job to take care of. Staff did not have a staff luncheon with spouses this month, probably due to staff taking vacations.

Prepared material for bulletins

Went to Dietze Music House (48th and Hwy 2 location) to look at synthesizers

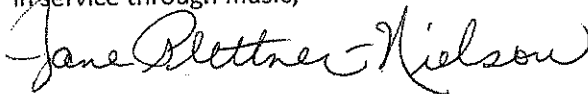
Gave information regarding the music program at American Lutheran to Dave Dermann, for possible inclusion on a flyer that the Outreach Committee was planning to distribute in the neighborhood

Wish List:

I wish the web site (the first page especially) for the church would be updated. I noticed there is no information about the music program (I intend to send the webmaster information but have not done so yet). In reading the information on the web site, there are activities mentioned that haven't occurred in the past year so am wondering if that information should be deleted. At least it is something to think about.

Thank you for your continued support of the music program.

In service through music,



Jane Plettner-Nielson