

American Lutheran Church
September 8, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved)

President Keith Spilker called the meeting to order. Keith Spilker led opening devotions. Dustin Lottman and Trevor Hanson were excused. Wendy Hirsch was unexcused

Approval of Minutes.

Dave Dermann moved to approve the July minutes as presented. Liz Cooper seconded. Approved. Mike Wheeler moved to approve the August minutes as presented. Dave Dermann seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Char Rohl reported August income was over budget by \$316.13 and expenses were under budget by \$469.25, resulting in a total deficit of \$785.38. Year to date giving is \$988.00 under budget. Expenses are \$497.56 under budget, leaving a net deficit of \$490.44. Doug Dexter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Michael Welsh seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports.

Finance; Dustin Lottman is Church Council Representative:

- Dustin was absent
- Written Report:
 - Lent Supper
 - Dave Ramsey program
- A motion was made from the Committee to use Lenten Supper proceeds for members in need fund. Joel Bacon seconded. Approved.
- A motion was made from the Committee to pursue the Dave Ramsey program for ALC. Liz Cooper seconded. Approved.

Outreach; David Dermann is Church Council Representative:

- Written report:
 - Talked about our sign out front. Is it functional? Have done banners in the past but they are temporary. Will continue with discussion

Parish Education; Wendy Hirsch is Church Council Representative:

- No written report. Wendy was absent.

Property and Grounds; Mike Wheeler is Church Council Representative:

- Written report
 - The repair of the pews was ok'd by Executive Council. He will start this fall.
 - Talked about capital improvements.
 - Clean closets
 - Changed light bulbs
 - Rental house discussed
- Mike also noted Don Spilker had donated trees. All thanked Don for the donation. Char to check with property management company on how minor repair needs are to be communicated to ALC.

Social Concerns; Liz Cooper is Church Council Representative:

- See attached report.
- A motion was made from the Committee to use Lenten proceeds for Phase III. Doug Dexter seconded. Approved.
- A motion was made from the Committee to change the cause of the month for November to ELCA Disaster Relief. Mavis Seelmeyer seconded. Approved.

Stewardship; Trevor Hanson is Church Council Representative:

- Trevor was excused. No Written report.

Worship; Mavis Seelmeyer is Church Council Representative:

- Written report:
 - Clown Ministry – Sept. 11th –early & late services & Sunday school opening.
 - Mission Sunday – Pastor John Eggen – presentation on mission work in Bolivia. – combined service; cluster meeting afterwards.
 - All Saints Sunday – Nov. 6th – Grapevine wreath available on Oct. 16 for white ribbon remembrance names for All Saints Sunday.
 - Hanging of the Greens – Nov. 27th between services; undecorating on Jan. 7th at 10:00 am – bring snack item.
 - Advent Service – Monday Dec. 19th at Spilker Tree Farm.
 - Choir Cantata - Dec. 11th for both services. Special occasion members to provide rolls, juice, etc. (? Who are the special occasion members?)
 - Christmas Eve Services – 4 & 7pm
 - Christmas Day – 8:15 & 10:30 services
 - Synthesizer – 61 keys – memorial funds – will contact Diane Brestel
 - Banners – repair of Advent Banners
- A motion was made from the Committee to approve Rick and Rosann Keller as new members. Joel Bacon seconded. Approved.

Youth; Doug Dexter is the Church Council Representative

- No written report. Doug noted the July carwash had earned \$290.00.

Approval of Committee Reports.

Dave Dermann moved to approve the Committee Reports. Michael Welsh seconded the motion. Approved.

Director of Music Report (Jane Plettner-Nielson)

- See attached written report.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor reported:
 - Crossways starts next week.
 - Directory being sent to press ASAP. Big thanks to all dedicated volunteers!
 - New members: Manala Abdulla, Kanni, Kollo, and Elisabeth; Olivier M; Bev and Jim Fauver, Dan Walker and Myra and Bella, Ramon Marcano and Kaleb transferred back.
 - Acolytes in short supply
 - Carpet in Narthex is resisting attempts of Jana to make it look good. Do we need to replace?
 - Computer policies ok to Pastor
 - Cheryl and Pastor are looking for dates for Council at their house.

- Communication issue with staff time noted; limited joint time and Clarice is having email issues with her computer
- Can we welcome Lincoln Cluster Mission Sunday on October 16 with cookies and drinks
- Paint-a-thon successful thanks to Trevor and Shaun who completed despite disastrous scheduling conflicts that left them as only ones to do the work.

Executive Committee Report.

- Discussed the following:
 - A motion was made from the Committee to approve the employee and volunteer computer usage policies as presented. Doug Dexter seconded. Following discussion, Doug Dexter amended the motion to approve the employee and volunteer computer usage policies to change all occurrences of “a pornographic or offensive nature” to “a pornographic or similarly offensive nature.” Joel Bacon seconded. Approved.
 - A motion was made from the Committee to allow wi-fi access to Council members and other selected individuals upon request. Joel Bacon seconded. Approved.
 - Discussed participation in the LPSSStudentServe Program, which allows students to volunteer at non-profit organizations around town. If we participate, would have students do cleaning around church. A motion was made from the Committee to participate in the LPSSStudentServe Program. Joel Bacon seconded. Approved.
 - Audit Committee done with 2010 review. No major issues.

Old Business.

- Discussed recent poor quality of cleaning at Church.

New Business.

- none

Keith Spilker led closing devotions.

The next meeting will be held October 13, 2011. Mavis Seelmeyer will lead devotions.

Joel Bacon made a motion to adjourn. Doug Dexter seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Bacon
Secretary

Social Concerns Meeting – 08-29-2011

Attending - Joyce Kangero, Beth Sasse, Sherri DeLong, Michael Welsh, Pastor Thorgerg, Liz Cooper

- 1- Devotions
- 2- Michael has contacted Cub/Boy Scouts of America, which is the Cause of Month for September. He has set up a tentative date of September 10th for the speaker... He will confirm this, and notify Clarice, church secretary of name and necessary information for the weekly bulletins.
- 3- Discuss if confirmation of Lenten supper donations had been decided. It was determined that it was to go to Phase III .
- 4- Discussed remainder of set Causes of Month. Joyce will be arranging speaker for Tabitha MOW for October. Discussed possibly having persons who deliver MOW from our congregation, also briefly tell of their experiences.
- 5- November cause is set for ELCA World Hunger. Due to large number of local and international disasters in the last months, discussed changing this cause to ELCA Disaster Response. Liz to confirm with the council that this change is alright. Sherri is in charge of this cause.
- 6- December Cause had been left un-designated. Committee decided to designate t Benevolence/Mission. Pastor suggested waiting until after Nov. Mission Festival, thinking that there would be considerable income at that time. If that is the case, the cause will be Friendship Home.
- 7- Invited by Pastor Tom of the People's City Mission to take a tour of their facility... Time of doing so is to be determined.

8- CROP WALK is October 9 at Christ United Methodist Church. Liz will be in charge of the recruiting. All members agree to be involved in being at the sign-up table before and after services. Beth and Joyce will do it on Sept 18th. Liz to arrange for persons for the following 2 Sundays Beth will pick up the CROP materials.

- 9 To be decided by council
Lenten supper donation
December Cause of the Month

Liz Cooper, Chairperson

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT
September 6, 2011

I do not have a lot to report this month. Rehearsals have started and all is going well. I will give more information regarding number of people involved next month.

Activities:

I did not attend the August Council meeting as it was held on a Sunday afternoon and I happened to have that Sunday off as a vacation Sunday.

Attended the August 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.

Prepared material for bulletins

Prepared article for September newsletter

Picked out music for various musical groups to begin rehearsals

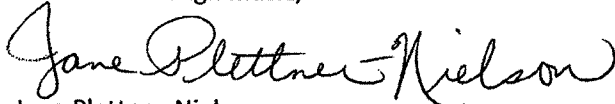
Worked with Wendy Hirsch and Pastor Henry in listening to Children's Christmas musicals and one was picked out.

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