

American Lutheran Church
July 14, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes
(Unapproved)

Secretary Joel Bacon called the meeting to order. Joel Bacon led devotions. Keith Spilker, Michael Welsh, Trevor Hanson, Liz Cooper, Dave Dermann, and Liz Cooper were excused.

Approval of Minutes.

Mavis Seelmeyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Doug Dexter seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Char Rohl reported that June income was over budget by \$83.06 and expenses were under budget by \$2,854.80, resulting in a total surplus of \$2,937.86. Year to date giving is \$510.15 above budget. Expenses are \$656.55 under budget, leaving a net surplus of \$1,166.70. This may change next month due to timing of paying for VBS expenses. Wendy Hirsch moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Doug Dexter seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports.

Finance; Dustin Lottman is Church Council Representative:

- No Written Report. Dustin noted he has been investigating the Dave Ramsey Class. Cost will probably be \$200 per participating family. Council discussed possibility of using members in need fund to help offset costs for those who would like to participate but can't due to financial hardship.

Outreach; David Dermann is Church Council Representative:

- Dave was absent. Written report:
 - Reviewed draft letter to inactive members
 - Canvassing neighborhood on July 30th.
 - Continued discussion with our data for attendance/contributions.
- Pastor noted that following the letter to inactives, two had responded that they had left Church and two requested to be kept on rolls.
- A motion was made from the committee to approve Lenten Supper proceeds for Phase III. Doug Dexter seconded. Motion carried.

Parish Education; Wendy Hirsch is Church Council Representative:

- No written report. Wendy reported
 - Preparing for VBS. Need volunteers.
 - Beginning to think about Christmas program. After many years of service, Michelle Wiggins has decided not to lead it this year.

Property and Grounds; Mike Wheeler is Church Council Representative:

- Mike was excused. Written report.
 - Purchase a new fir tree
 - Repair to pews
 - Courtyard area improvements

Social Concerns; Liz Cooper is Church Council Representative:

- Liz was excused; no written report:

Stewardship; Trevor Hanson is Church Council Representative:

- Trevor was excused. No written report:

Worship; Mavis Seelmeyer is Church Council Representative:

- Written report:
 - Life in Christ Circus – Possibly Sept. 11
 - Mission Sunday – October 16th combined service, possibly Pastor Michelle Oetken speaker.
 - Absence of volunteers for various services, i.e. ushers, lectors, possibly a phone call updating list.
 - Acolytes – could this be for all middle school students?
 - Possibly have summer camp attendees sing as a group for Special Music.
 - All Saints Sunday – have grapevine wreath for white ribbons.
- A motion was made from the Committee to allow a free will offering for clown ministry. Char Rohl seconded. Motion carried.

Youth; Doug Dexter is the Church Council Representative

- No written report. Doug noted:
 - Car Wash is this Sunday. Will be free will offering.
 - Omaha Storm Chasers Faith and Family Night is Aug. 6 at 6:30. Not much interest so far.
- A motion was made from the Committee to approve Lenten supper funds for Diego. Pastor seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports.

Wendy Hirsch moved to approve the Committee Reports. Mavis Seelmeyer seconded the motion. Approved.

Director of Music Report (Jane Plettner-Nielson)

- See attached written report.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor reported:
 - Crossways offering full class (60) . 9 have signed up. Still room for 3 people.
 - Elder concerns—American a place to meet on Sunday afternoons for elderly people to enjoy fellowship? Home health aid in area.
 - Meeting for task force teams – ushers in July. Waiting for Bill Lang.
 - New members: Manala Abdulla, 2 or 3 kids; Jeff Hindsley; Juanita and 2 kids, Tori and Cory Huntington, Lydia Tuhey, Bev and Jim Fauver, Donna Johnson. End of July is target date to meet on a Sunday.
 - Concert held on July 1 by John Clay's band, 8 Hour Drive. Fundraiser for ALC.
 - Pictorial Directory Dates, August 1-3, 17-18. Need workers.
 - Computer policies are ok with Pastor.
- Doug Dexter made a motion to allow ALC to be used for a one-time meeting for elderly people in the area who use home health aid. Wendy Hirsch seconded. Motion carries.

Executive Committee Report.

- Discussed the following:
 - Reminder to committees to designate lent supper proceeds.

- Printer toner cartridges are included in the copier maintenance cost
- Wage audit for workers compensation completed - \$607 this year, \$587 in 2012
- Received certificate of insurance from ServiceMaster

Old Business.

- Joel reminded everyone that Paint-A-Thon prep day is August 6 and paint day is August 13. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

New Business.

- none

Joel Bacon led closing devotions.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 6 at 4:30 at Keith and Jana's house.

Char Rohl made a motion to adjourn. Mavis Seelmeyer seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Bacon
Secretary

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 11, 2011

This past month has been a much slower pace with fewer choir rehearsals. People have been very cooperative in sharing their gifts with special music, and agreeing to serve as cantor when Pastor Henry needed to rest his voice. It's hard to believe that choir rehearsals will start in about a month. I have been looking at music for the coming year but am not yet ready for rehearsals to begin.

Activities:

Attended the June Council meeting (was at church when I discovered the first meeting was postponed and was able to attend the second meeting)

Attended the June 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 have a staff luncheon with spouses in attendance and I was able to attend this luncheon.

Prepared material for bulletins

Prepared material for the July newsletter

Went to Dietze Music House with a trumpet player, to help in finding sacred trumpet music

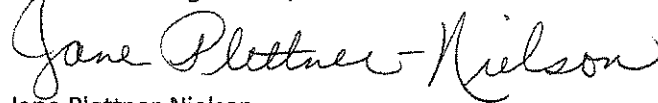
Went to Dietze Music House to look at music and intending to look at synthesizers but found out the synthesizers have been moved to a different location

Wish List:

I have no requests this month.

Thank you for your continued support of the music program.

In service through music,



Jane Plettner-Nielson