

ST. LUKES CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2004

Attendees: Pastor Graff – Bob Rhyne – Jack Heberlig – Mark Elgart – Tom Frick – Gale Begalla – Don Keen – Mandy Trombley (1 hour)

Absent: Charlotte Fairman – Julia Passmore

Called to order at 12:30 P.M.

Pastor Bob opened with a prayer.

Julia Passmore stopped in to say that the nominating committee is still working on future nominations for council – Carol Schmauch and Linda Moresi have been asked.

Mandy Trombley - Christian Education– In depth discussion on dollars required to get the school in condition for opening. There is a great amount of money that would need to be invested to upgrade the building to comply with inspections and standards needed. The concern is that St. Lukes would be responsible for the upgrade, but would not benefit from any type of income to cover the investment. The Head Start Program was also interested in using our facility, however we may need the same cost of upgrade to comply with Head Start.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Pastor Graff – Carol King has approached council wanting financial reports from previous years – this matter was discussed and Jack has made himself available to Carol, but has not been approached as of yet.

Pastor Graff stated that this was a very bust time. He and Margaret would be doing home communions for those would not be able to attend Christmas Service. Pastor had also commented on the fact that members have approached him to say how well they enjoy the service and hat they feel as though they had been to church today.

Kevin Walsh had sent a Christmas card to the church in response to the “Mission Possible” – which is the prison missionary that Sally is involved in.

The open Bible class has completed and sent a letter to the Synod regarding the topic of homosexuality in the church.

Jack Heberlig - Treasurers Report – See attached – There was a discussion on maintaining funds in the appropriate segment that they have been designated to by the contributors. This will result in a change on the offering envelopes. The 2005 budget was gone over and tweaked by Jack and Abby – final copies were given out at the meeting.

After discussion of funds by the Treasurer, the lighting in the sanctuary came up – after a brief discussion a motion was made by Gale and seconded by Don – to have the lighting completed by the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The increase of cost for the lighting has impacted this decision.

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 will be the congregational meeting.

Property Report – See attached

Don Keen – Social Ministry - We need drivers fro Room at the Inn - Urban League has a “Project Jonah” – this prepares 18-21 year olds for work life. There will be an Urban League meeting that Don will attend on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3.

Carrie Graves is getting together a bunch of kids from Savannah Woods and taking them to dinner for the holidays.

Mark Elgart – Youth Ministry - There will be a Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 for the kids –

A Power Point Presentation is being put together in regard to the new Youth Minister. Mark requested that next year the elders of the church come up with a project that they could do with the youth – a type of intergenerational program to unite the young and old...the younger members parents are always involved, however they would like to see other elders involved.

Gale Begalla – Music & Worship – No meeting has been held by the committee since August – Nothing to report.

Bob Rhyne – Wanted to remind everyone that Pastor Dallman will be speaking at our Open Bible class the 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> on Reformation. After Pastor Dallman covers Reformation – we will study the book by Rick Warren – “The Purpose Driven Life”

By Laws were read by council and potential changes may be made to the following areas – Section Five – Staff positions – From January 2005 on – staff positions will be held by non-members of the church. – section six – under expenditures – article (b) to be removed under Annual Audits – change the word “month” in the first sentence to read “February” – “following” the annual congregational business meeting.....after the word Treasurer’s – replace “annual written report” to – “July Report”.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting @ 3:30 P.M. – made by Gale – seconded by Don.

