

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 17, 2005**

Attendees:

Bob Rhyne  
Mark Elgart  
Charles Berry  
Don Keene  
Joan Schultz  
Don McConnell  
Margaret Howell  
Charlotte Fairman  
Gail Begalla  
Greg Borachok  
Carol Schmauch  
Bob Morris  
Jack Heberlig  
Joy Cooper

Joy Cooper shared with us the 40 days of The Purpose Driven Life Program and what we need to be doing to get the program going by September.

Bob Morris shared letters and his input into how important it is to get a youth minister. Thanked the dedication of the council but emphasize the importance of our youth and having programs for them. Also distributed letters from the congregation that he had received regarding the importance of the Congregational Life Ministry.

Don McConnell and Joan Schultz shared with us the call committee's view on finding an associate pastor or a youth minister.

Also discussed getting an AIM person into the church however this is proving difficult to find such a person.

The council will let the congregation know at the congregational meeting on July 24 that we are moving forward with the AIM youth search.

Again, the importance of pledging was stressed. Those households who have not sent in pledge cards are important to the planning and operation of the church. Fifty nine (59) percent of the budget is pledged and 41% needs to come from non-pledge households, facility rental and other.

**Call to order**

**PRAYER AND DEVOTION WAS OFFERED BY BOB RHYNE WITH PASSAGES FROM THE BIBLE READ BY GAIL BEGALLA AND CHARLOTTE FAIRMAN.**

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The discussion continued among the council members it would take at least 2 – 3 weeks to get someone and two months to bring an AIM person before the council. Mark said that they have two candidates already.

Margaret Howell was sitting in for the Pastor and had nothing to bring up.

Charlotte introduced two books to us – “The Bible and You” and “What it means to be a Lutheran”. We will discuss ordering these books at the next council meeting.

Pastor Graf, (not our Pastor Graff) will be a guest speaker on Evangelism on Rally Sunday, September 11 per Bob Rhyne.

After Rally Sunday, the following Sunday we will ask for a commitment the “40 days of purpose” for a six week class. There will be a “Welcome Center” in the narthex introducing our different services and what St Luke’s has to offer.

Crossways will again be presented by Phil and Diane Brooks beginning the first of the year.

Greg Borachok said that Brian Moss, Ben Bellury and Patrick Lennon will serve on the Finance Committee with Ben chairing the committee. They will begin by looking at the current trends in the church along with past history.

Gail said that in the fall we will begin our cleaning up of the church property. Suggestion made to redo the handicapped parking and put it on the church side. Also to remove the signs for all the church staff except the Pastor and Chaplain to make room for more accessible parking.

Charles Berry said that we donated the pews to a church just getting started.

The builder of the condos going in next to the church are going to clean up and landscape along the driveway and in the parking lot.

Jack went over the budget and where we are at this time. We are still operating in the red.

Ways to raise money was brought up and Charlotte said that WELCA is going to have a spaghetti dinner with a silent auction.

Meeting was adjourned.