

MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On January 4, 2011, the January meeting of the church council was held with the following people in attendance: Robin Barr, Ryan Brubaker, Randy Brubaker, Pastor Timothy Craven, Rick Dillon, Ron Gehr, Dave Haldeman, Gail Harker, Sam Heiser, Kristi Leonhard, Dick Raffauf, Nick Rampolla, Vicar Tina Toburen, Shari Weaver

Not in attendance: Tess Freeman

Staff Present: Kelly Parrish and Carl Tobias

Church Members Present: Jerry Petery

Council President, Rick Dillon, called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Tim shared devotions from 2 Corinthians. Pastor Tim led us in prayer.

**COUNCIL MINUTES:** Members of the Council reviewed the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

A date change was made for the sandwich sale for the Gulf Coast Trip. Council meeting attendees were corrected.

Gail Harker made a motion to approve council meeting minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** All Council members reviewed the treasurer's report.

Nick Rampolla stated that we did not pay discretionary funds for the months of July through December in the year 2010. The Needy Fund is currently at a \$0.00 balance. Nick feels that since January is a 5 week month that we should catch up on a couple of months of discretionary funds.

In January we will get over s\$2,000.00 in donations towards sanctuary upgrade. Nick Rampolla made the recommendation that we return the left over money from the sanctuary upgrade to the Capital Fund.

The money from the undesignated memorial funds will be used for the organ pipe fund. Pastor Tim stated that when people give money for memorials they do not wish to have it sitting around for a long time, they would rather see it used in the form of a physical acquisition.

Carl stated that we have \$751.00 in the music memorial fund. We only need about \$1,500.00 to reach the dollar amount to begin using the undesignated memorial funds towards the organ pipe project. Nick Rampolla raised a concern of what will happen when people down the road ask for undesignated memorials to be used towards a specific item. Shari Weaver questioned whether we would send notification to contributors that we used their funds for a specific item.

Gail Harker made a motion to take \$750.00 from the Music Memorial Fund and transfer the money to the Organ Pipe Fund, Shari Weaver seconded; the motion carried.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to pay 2 months of discretionary funds and Dick Raffauf seconded; the motion carried.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sam Heiser seconded, motion passed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Members of the Council reviewed the Pastor's Report. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

Gail Harker made a motion to pay the decennial report and Robin Barr seconded; the motion carried.

Dick Raffauf made a motion that we hold a Congregation Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to review the auditor's report and Dave Haldeman seconded; the motion carried.

Gail Harker made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, Dick Raffauf seconded, motion passed.

**VICAR'S REPORT:** Members of the Council reviewed the Vicar's Report. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

Vicar Tina mentioned that she missed placing that she preached at the Denver Nursing Home Service on her report.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the Vicar's Report, Dave Haldman seconded, motion passed.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE:** Members of the Council reviewed the Worship and Music Committee Report. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

Comments were made that sound system helped enhanced the Sunday School Christmas Program and the Lessons and Carols Service.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to accept the Vicar's Report, Dick Raffauf seconded, motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Head Usher Duties with Checklist and Walk Thru:**

Jerry Petery and Rick Dillon led the council members through the head usher duties.

##### **Credit Card:**

Rick Dillon will be acquiring 3 credit cards from PNC Bank for the church. Pastor Tim, Nick Rampolla and Kelly Parrish will have access to these cards.

**Christmas Decorations:**

Randy Brubaker asked who is financially responsible for the decorations.

Gail Harker made a motion that we have a \$700.00 spending cap for Christmas decoration and Sam Heiser seconded; the motion carried. If needed money may be taken from the Edward Jones Fund and donations received with offset that amount.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Habitat for Humanity asked for a monetary donation. Rick Dillon and Pastor Tim stated that even though this is a worthwhile cause this is not a prudent time to make a financial donation.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion passed. Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm and we closed with Pastor Tim leading the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Parrish

Council Secretary