

MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On December 7, 2010, the December meeting of the church council was held with the following people in attendance: Randy Brubaker, Pastor Tim Craven, Rick Dillon, Nancy Eberly, Ray Enck, Tess Freeman, Gail Harker, Dave Haldeman, Jessica Harting, Sam Heiser, and Dick Raffauf.

Not in attendance: Nancy Eberly, Ron Gehr, Pat Haller and Nick Rampolla

Staff Present: Kelly Parrish and Carl Tobias

Church Members Present: Ryan Brubaker, Kristi Leonhard and Rodger Sweigart

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

DEVOTIONS: Tess Freeman shared devotions from Advent Needles. Pastor Tim led us in prayer. He asked for special prayers for the Eberly family due to their loss.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Members of the Council reviewed the minutes of the November 3rd meeting. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to approve council meeting minutes from November 3rd, 2010, Sam Heiser seconded, and the motion passed.

CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES: Members of the Council reviewed the minutes of the December 5th meeting. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to approve council meeting minutes from December 5th, 2010, Dick Raffauf seconded, and the motion passed.

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

Dick Raffauf made a motion to renew our Electric Contract with Anthracite Power and Light, Randy Brubaker seconded, and the motion passed.

The council inquired what is still owed on the restoration of the sanctuary.

Pastor Tim made the recommendation that we table the discussion of discretionary funds until we talk to the Treasurer.

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

THRIVENT FINANCIAL: Rodger Sweigart was thanked by Pastor Tim Craven for being an advocate for Thrivent for Mellingers Lutheran Church. Rodger stated that it is best if he has a 3-month notice of funds that we plan to provide to Thrivent for matching donations. Meetings are every 2 months and therefore he can request for funds faster.

Ray Enck inquired about the grants for Habitat for Humanity.

Rodger will check with Glenn Beard as to what route he will be taking for funding for the trip for April.

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.

Pastor Tim made a motion that we set the date for Commissioning of Council and Dedication of the Renovations on January 9th, 2011, Randy Brubaker seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor Tim mentioned that his goal for 2011 to organization a functioning Finance Committee which meets on a regular basis.

Pastor Tim has requested the council provided him with guidelines for the usage of Needy Funds.

Pastor Tim would like to continue to have prayer before the worship service at 8:45 am.

Dave Haldeman 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 did not have on the report the time she would be taking off for the holidays. Weather will be a factor to the time that she takes off.

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

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Minutes from the November 24th meeting were reviewed.

Carl Tobias mentioned that the choir will be within the congregation on this Sunday's service due to the fact the Sunday School will need the space for their program.

Carl inquired about the antiphonal cabinet went back up. Carl said that he would not be opposed if it did not go back up. This item is a memorial gift; however this item has outlived its purpose. Vicar Tina recommended that we decommission the antiphonal cabinet. Carl Tobias worked out an agreement with the donors that purchased the cabinet in 1987. We will either sell the cabinet and use funds for pipe organs or place the cabinet in the swell and reconnect it. The equipment is functioning it is just no longer needed.

Gail Harker mentioned that some people have raised concerns that the acoustics from the work in the sanctuary has made the sound from the organ too loud. Also there is an issue with sound bouncing around that we are trying to resolve by using an equalizer.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the Worship and Music Committee Report, Tess Freeman seconded, motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Minutes from the November 22nd, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Dick Raffauf motioned to accept the minutes, Gail Harker seconded the motion, and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Youth Gathering:

Gail Harker has more fundraising events for the Youth Group. If we turn in 200 Moo Money caps by the end of January, we will receive \$100.00 instead of \$50.00. February 8th will be another Isaac's Night. We will collect books for a used book sale in the spring. Proceeds will go to the Youth Gathering. Books not sold will go to the Ephrata Library.

March 3rd there will be a sandwich sale for the Disaster Relief Trip in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gail Harker made a motion that we do not remount the antiphone cabinet to the wall in the sanctuary and that it is reconnected in the swell, Dave Haldeman seconded the motion, and it passed.

Randy Brubaker made a suggestion that we have someone that is responsible for the decorating of the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Many of the decorations are in poor shape. We are in need of a coordinator for the sanctuary. Tess Freeman and Gail Harker have volunteered to organize a committee that will oversee the Sanctuary decorations.

Randy Brubaker made a motion that Tess Freeman organize a committee for the Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary, Gail Harker seconded and the motion carried.

Kelly Parrish made a recommendation to the church council that we acquire a church credit card for church purposes. Currently all church expenses are being placed on her credit card. Randy Brubaker made a motion that we acquisition a credit card to be used for church business, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion carried.

Dick Raffauf made a motion that we dissolve the 2010 Church Council from their service, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion carried.

Ron Gehr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dick Raffauf seconded, and the motion passed. Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm and we closed with Pastor Tim leading the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Parrish
Council Secretary