

**MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On February 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, Tess Freeman, Gail Harker, Ron Gehr, Dave Haldeman, Sam Heiser, Kristi Leonhard, Dick Raffauf, Nick Rampolla, and Vicar Tina Toburen.

Not in attendance: Shari Weaver

Staff Present: Kelly Parrish

Church Members Present: Joe Brubaker

Council President, Rick Dillon, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

DEVOTIONS: Rick Dillon shared devotions regarding the winter and led us in prayer.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Members of the Council reviewed the minutes of the January 4th meeting. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

January minutes were corrected to read "In January we will get over s\$2,000.00 in donations towards sanctuary upgrades."

Gail Harker made a motion to approve council meeting minutes from January 4th, 2010, Randy Brubaker 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 in January. Nick Rampolla made the recommendation that we pay discretionary fund for January.

Tess Freeman made a motion to pay 1 month of discretionary funds and Dick Raffauf seconded; the motion carried.

We still have an outstanding bill for Lancaster Electric for Sanctuary Renovations of \$6,465.00. There is a question regarding donated time. The estimate to paint the downstairs is approximately \$1,000.00. Joe Brubaker would like to leave the balance of \$2,026.60 in the sanctuary fund until all the bills have been received and paid.

Pastor Tim made a motion that we move the monies from the Alternative Service Fund to the Organ Pipe Fund, Rick Dillon seconded; the motion carried. Randy Brubaker inquired if the money was donated. The money in the fund was donated but the donors are no longer members at the church. This would permit the money to be moved from the Undesignated Memorial Fund. Gail Harker voiced her concerns about putting fancy items up in the church when we have issues meeting our discretionary funds budget. Tess Freeman required the status of the Chester Lutz Memorial Fund. The council decided that we

should discuss with Peggy Enck how we should use the remaining funds from the Chester Lutz estate. Tess Freeman recommended that we table the vote on the Alternative Service Fund Monies. Pastor Tim withdrew his motion until we figure out how the memorial funds for the Lutz estate will be used.

The Edward Jones Corporate Bond was called. We have \$20,000.00 in which we need to decide on what to do with these funds. It is getting more interest sitting where it is than if we move the money to another account. Rick Dillon mentioned that we could purchase a CD for \$20,000 and use the interest to payback the Capital Fund.

Pastor Tim Craven made a motion that we purchase a one year CD at \$20,000.00 and use the interest to payback the Capital Fund, Gail Harker seconded; the motion carried.

Vicar Tina stated that she was actively seeking ways of lowering her utilities.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ryan Brubaker 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.

Pastor Tim asked for volunteers to be Lay Worship Representatives June 2-4, 2011. Gail Harker volunteered to go if we need her to go.

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 is halfway through her internship and wanted to thank everyone for the support that she received from the members of council.

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Members of the Council reviewed the Stewardship Committee Report. Rick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Committee:

The last wall sconce will come in during March. Mike Gahring has started painting the downstairs.

Service Lighting:

Service Lighting directions were provided to the council members.

Twin Antiphonal Organ Speaker:

Rick Dillon inquired if these would interfere with the installation of the pipe organs. Pastor Tim stated that the speakers would be placed in the back of the church.

Randy Brubaker made a motion that we approve the twin antiphonal organ speaker cabinet design and placement, Dick Raffuaf second; one nay and one abstain, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Joe Brubaker informed the council of a family of rodents that moved into a junction box at the pole.

Also, we had to plow the parking lot several times this month.

The property committee would like to purchase a lawn mower clipping system interest free. It would cost us \$100 a month but would make the mowing of the lawn more efficient.

Ron Gehr made a motion to purchase a clippings bagging system at 0% interest rate costing the church about \$100.00 per month, Dave Haldeman seconded and the motion carried.

Gulf Coast Trip Fundraising

\$800.00 was made on the sandwich sale.

Appreciation of Joe Brubaker and Bill Nodeen

Randy Brubaker made a motion to recognize Joe Brubaker and Bill Nodeen for their time contributions to the church, Tess Freeman seconded, the motion carried.

Secretary Contract

Gail Harker made a motion accept the Secretary Contract with the amended changes, Ryan Brubaker seconded, the motion carried.

Ron Gehr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Randy Brubaker seconded, and the motion passed. Rick adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm and we closed with Pastor Tim leading the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Parrish

Council Secretary