

MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On May 10, the May meeting of the Church Council was held with the following people in attendance: Robin Barr, Randy Brubaker, Pastor Tim Craven, Rick Dillon, Tess Freeman, Ron Gehr, Dave Haldeman, Gail Harker, Sam Heiser, Kristi Leonhard, Kelly Parrish, Dick Raffauf, Nick Rampolla and Carl Tobias.

Absent: Ryan Brubaker, Vicar Tina Toburen and Shari Weaver.

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

DEVOTIONS: Dave Haldeman led the council in devotions from Word and Season and a prayer. The devotions focused on growing wise with age but time and experience can lead to malice but we should see things through a child's eyes but with the wisdom of age.

TIME OF THANKSGIVING: Everyone shared something that they were thankful about at the commencement of the meeting.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Members of the Council reviewed the minutes of the April 4th meeting. Rick Dillon asked for any comments, questions, or corrections.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the minutes, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Members of the Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Rick Dillon asked for any comments, questions, or corrections.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to move \$1,058.00 from undesignated memorials to the purchase of office equipment, Sam Heiser seconded and the motion carried.

Nick Rampolla mentioned that we were short for Mission Support again in April. Hunger Appeal for the rest of the year is \$39.00. All other discretionary items have reached the budgeted amounts for the year thanks to the Stewardship campaign money raised. We will do what we can do to achieve our Mission Support budget. As money becomes available, we will make the effort to pay our Mission Support.

In terms of mission, we are donating half of what we pay the Vicar goes towards her education. She does provide us with a service and in exchange theologically half of that money could be considered mission support.

Gail Harker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended, Dick Raffauf seconded, and the motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Members of the Council reviewed the Pastor's report.

Randy Brubaker made a motion that we leave the church boxes out through the end of June for Southern Tornado Relief and Midwest Flooding with a note stating that Thrivent will match \$1.00 for every \$3.00 donated, Dave Haldeman seconded and the motion carried.

Gail Harker made a comment that the youth did an excellent job in participating in the service of Sunday and recommended that the youth help with more than one service a year.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, Gail Harker seconded, and the motion carried.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The minutes were read from the April 18th meeting.

Gail Harker made a motion that \$5,000.00 of the Stuber Fund be moved to Building and Repair Fund, Tess Freeman seconded and the motion carried.

Recommendation #2 was nullified by council action. The remainder in the undesignated memorial fund will go to upgrading office equipment.

Recommendation #3 is that a Surety Bond be sought out for those handling money. There will be a defined list of who can touch the money for the bond. Gladys Eberly and Mike Haller should be sought out for their opinion of scheduling.

Dick Raffauf made a motion to accept the minutes, Randy Brubaker seconded and the motion carried.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: The April 27th minutes were reviewed.

The committee feels that leadership presence would be helpful at the Prayer and Meditation service. It was mentioned that it would be more effective if the Good Friday reader was not seen during the Good Friday service. Gail Harker was praised for making the banner for the Ascension Service.

The Pipe Organ project is being worked on behind the scenes. Bill Nodeen and Carl Tobias will be going to Greencastle, PA on Thursday in the hopes of acquiring more pipes.

Carl Tobias brought up the possibility of sponsoring advertisements for the newsletters. Rick Dillon asked that Worship and Music revisit this topic and come back with pricing information for the council.

Gail Harker made a motion that we donate 25 With One Voice books, Dave Haldeman seconded, motion carried.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept the minutes, Kristi Leonhard seconded, motion carried.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The minutes from the May 5th meetings were reviewed. Vacation Bible School will be held at Mellingers Lutheran Church. Randy Brubaker made a motion to accept these minutes, Sam Heiser seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. User Duties: If a scheduled usher cannot be there; please inform the head usher of this. Please arrive at 8:30 am. The greeters are there to shake people's hands not hand out bulletins. A concern was raised regarding Acolyte, Crucifer and Candlebearer volunteers was in great need.
2. Facebook: Currently we have 22 people that like and follow our Facebook page and have hundreds of interactions on our Facebook page.
3. Water Dispenser: This topic has been tabled until Joe Brubaker fixes thhe water filter and tests the water.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vicar's Sendoff Party: A potluck will be scheduled for July 24th at 5:00 pm. Gifts and donations are being accepted for her.
2. Youth Updates: Gail Harker stated that \$119.00 was sent to the Mission Investment Fund from the used book sale. The last week of May the books will be offered at half price. The books will be available for purchase again at the Community Picnic. 7-8 children showed an interest in the Youth Gathering trip. Scholarships will be made available to help with the fees involved. The Youth will be also helping with the baked goods for the coffee social time following the service. In June, there will be an Isaac's night benefitting the Youth Gathering and the soda tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House.

Randy Brubaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Haldeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Pastor Tim led us in the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Parrish
Council Secretary