

MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On September 13th, the September meeting of the Church Council was held with the following people in attendance: Robin Barr, Ryan Brubaker, Pastor Tim Craven, Rick Dillon, Dave Haldeman, Sam Heiser, Kelly Parrish, Dick Raffauf, Nick Rampolla, and Carl Tobias.

Absent: Randy Brubaker, Tess Freeman, Ron Gehr, Gail Harker, Kristi Leonhard and Shari Weaver.

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

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Tim led the church council in a prayer.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Council President Rick Dillon asked members of the Council to review the minutes of the August 9th meeting and asked for any comments, questions, or corrections.

Dick Raffauf 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.

Nick Rampolla discussed cash on hand and unpaid discretionary funds. Building and Repair Funds has sufficient funds to cover the cost of drilling for the new well. Currently there is \$3,100 accrued for the Vicar Fund. We have received a check for \$5,000 and a pledge of \$10,000 towards the Vicar Fund. By the end of this year we may have enough money to obtain a Vicar for the year 2012. Pastor Tim will revisit this at the December meeting.

Shortages in budget would cover the cost of Hunger Appeal. Lawn Mowers are getting old so maintenance will continue to be high. Nick mentioned his concern of shortages in receipts in comparison to budget.

We will be eliminating the announcement bulletin to help with lowering paper costs and office equipment maintenance.

Nick Rampolla mentioned that we need new signatures on our Edward Jones account. Council President Rick Dillon, Treasurer Nick Rampolla and Council Vice-President Dick Raffauf signed the signature card.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ryan Brubaker seconded, and the motion carried.

FUEL OIL: There is \$3,000 remaining in this year's budget for fuel oil. The cap price for 2012 is higher than the prepay price by \$1,475 for the year. Nick Rampolla recommended that we use the balance of this year's budget, general fund, and the balance come from the Edward Jones Money Market Account to save money on the price of oil for the winter. If the oil comes in cheaper on the prepay contract, the price is locked in and we do not get market price if it is less. Sauder Fuel is always the cheapest fuel oil. If we sign up for 3,000 gallons and we do not use all of it then a credit will be applied to future deliveries at the current price of that day. This decision needs to be made by September 30th.

Pastor Tim Craven made a motion to use the remaining funds budgeted for 2011 with the remaining balance needed to be taken from the Edward Jones Money Market Account to prepay our fuel oil for 2012, Robin Barr seconded, and the motion carried.

BUDGET: Members of the Council reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2012. The format of the proposed budget was liked by council because it is easy to read. Pastor Tim thanked the budget committee for their hard work.

Commitment Pledge cards has drastically decreased over the past four years. Amount of pledges and pledge amounts have decreased from 21 cards returned in the amount of \$72,836.00 for the 2008 budget to 18 cards returned in the amount of \$47,760.00 for the 2011 budget.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to accept the 2012 Proposed Budget, Sam Heiser seconded, and the motion carried.

The budget will be placed in the November newsletter.

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

Pastor Tim made a motion that we change the church boxes to collect money for Flood relief instead of Horn of Africa Drought relief starting this week, Sam Heiser seconded and the motion carried.

Enough money was raised from the Pancake Breakfast to cover the \$300.50 for the CALM Build.

Saturday Evening Vespers Services was discussed with Pastor Smeltz and Pastor Trout. We will collect funds to go to the local churches as specified by the donor.

Dave Haldeman made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, Dick Raffauf seconded, and the motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Members of the Council reviewed the Finance Committee report.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Pricing on the well will change from \$23 to \$11 per foot making the bid approximately \$4,471.50 due to the fact it can be charged as a non-public well. Estimates are based on a 200 ft. well. The location will be near the carport on the boiler room side. The question came up as to whether the tree was dedicated and needed to be moved. Well replacement is scheduled for replacement on the 26th. Dave Haldeman made a motion to approve the drilling of the well, Sam Heiser seconded and the motion passed.

The flood damage to the rear entrance is not covered by insurance. A motion was made by Pastor Tim to remove the carpeting from the entrance to allow for drying, Sam Heieser seconded and the motion passed.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT: Members of the Council reviewed the Worship and Music Committee Report.

Bob Getz is willing to work on the project of moving the altar and the communion rail if the project is approved by the council. We will be getting estimated costs for this project which will help prevent church members from falling while they are in the communion process. Many choir members are having issues navigating the stairs so the choir will not be recessing with the pastor at the end of the service.

Bill Nodeen is working hard to make the organ pipe project come to a finish.

Council members and leaders were asked to attend the Saturday Evening Prayer Service (Vespers) with Holy Communion.

Ryan Brubaker made a motion to accept the Worship and Music Committee Report, Dave Haldeman seconded, and the motion passed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES: Members of the church council reviewed the minutes from the Christian Education Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Office Opportunities: Progress was discussed on office upgrades. The committee is moving on with new equipment and change of internet and phone service providers. We are looking at doing a cost analysis of high speed printers needed in the office.
2. Members of the church are still complaining about the quality of the sound coming from the sound system. Pastor Tim stated that he has equalized the sound and the quality has improved.
3. Keys: Kelly Parrish inquired if all council members' church keys worked the back door.
4. Sue Gray is the new wedding coordinator

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Church council reviewed the revised Director of Music Job Description. Dave Haldeman made a motion to approve the proposal, Dick Raffauf seconded, and the motion carried.
2. Church Boxes will be placed for the collection of money for the Halligan and Leed families who lost nearly everything in the flood. Funds will be split 50/50.

Dick Raffauf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Haldeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Parrish
Council Secretary