

LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Meeting called to order by John Bartz @ 7:05 pm

SPIRE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH ***FIRM*** Reports and articles need to be into the office by that date or they will not be included in the Spire.

John introduced Elaine Mustari, CPA. She attended the meeting to go over the financial report. Matt Hylan went over the time line of hiring Elaine to take care of the financials of our church. She will be taking care of the books on a temporary basis for the next 3 months at a cost of \$3,000; this will take us to the annual meeting and close the books for the end of 2009. We reviewed the financial report with Elaine.

Motion made, seconded and passed to transfer the money from the Festival\Auction line to the general fund.

Motion made, seconded and passed to move the recycle\county market cards line to the general fund.

We will be getting new software in January of 2010. This software is recommended by the ELCA. There is a \$99 start up fee and a monthly \$40 service fee. This fee will be taken out of the office operating budget.

We are also looking at setting up direct deposit for salaried employees. This will eliminate the issuing of payroll checks.

There will be a 2010 budget meeting on the first Thursday in December to bring each committee's recommendations for the new budget.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the treasures report.

A letter was received from Nelda, expressing her desire to help the council in any way she can. She expressed that she would like all reports sent to her via email as soon as possible so that she can get the information needed into the Spire and or the bulletin. She also mentioned that a family member from the funeral that was at our church on Tuesday, November 10th was very appreciative of Pastor Dave. She said his cooperative and caring manner meant a lot to her and her family.

Master Calendar reviewed.

Council representatives for the month of December are; 8am, Rose. 10:30, Tina and Steve on Wednesdays.

Discussed the nominating committee, and the need to get names for council positions that will be vacated at the end of the year. Candy McColley, Dale Findell and Tina Anderson are all coming off the council.

Stewardship drive is complete and Tony will be doing a tally and have that ready for the December budget meeting.

Special meetings were conducted during, and following Geri's resignation. On the 21st of October, Geri came to a special meeting to turn in her resignation as church secretary and financial manager. She also proposed doing our books and financials through her new company, Faith Accounting. She proposed a 15 month contract be signed and \$4,500 to finish the rest of the year and an additional \$500 to close the books. After deliberation, a motion was made, seconded and passed to give her a counter offer on the proposed contract. On the 22nd of October the council members who could be here, met to discuss Geri's decision on whether or not she accepted our counter offer. She did not accept our offer. Motion made, seconded and passed to get outside bids for the financial services needed at Long Lake. On October 27th we reviewed Elaine Mustari's qualifications and presented her with the same offer we gave to Geri. She accepted the offer. We also decided to fill the administrative position temporarily until we can get a job description written. We felt that Nelda Remus would be a good candidate for this since she had filled in for Geri before. These special meetings were discussed at this meeting and motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

REPORTS:

Pastor Dave: He has been busy meeting with the transition team. He is very happy with how things are going with this group. They have reviewed the demographics of the area and have done a mission profile of the congregation and will have a report ready for the annual meeting. This report will in turn help the call committee. The call committee will then be elected at the annual meeting.

New Pathways is doing Christmas Baskets for people in need, they are doing 300 and Long Lake has committed to 50. Each basket will consist of vegetables, instant potatoes, hams, which Pathways will accept money for and purchase along with pie. We will set up a board with tags on it for people to take which will have the item they wish to donate. We received a letter from Carol Perrin expressing interest in being our Wedding Coordinator. This is a volunteering position and will get a stipend from the wedding party. Since Carol has been interested in this for some time and has spoken to the council in the past, we thought it would be a good idea to have a coordinator since at this time we are in transition. We would like her to meet with the pastors to go over the wedding book and make any changes.

Pastor Rhonda: They had a great confirmation retreat at Luther Point. A wonderful event at Feed My starving Children for the confirmation students. Conducted 5 weddings and had a successful dinner for the confirmands and families. Starting a high school youth group on Wednesday nights. Confirmed four incredible young adults on

Reformation Sunday. Presented 3rd graders with Bibles and are conducting class on how to use them. In addition to these highlights I have been busy with teaching, preaching and the ministry of the church and I look forward to the holiday season and all that it will hold for our congregation.

YOUTH: The work camp for 2010 will be going to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. There will be 12 youth, Pastor Rhonda and one other adult male chaperone. All youth activities are on the web site. Kim Schmidt attended the council meeting as a representative of the youth, 2 other youth will be taking turns coming to the council meetings, and they are Chance Laidley and Logan Anderson. She requested that a representative from the worship and music ministry team come to the confirmation class and talk about what kinds of things they can do to help in worship. Candy McColley will do this. The youth will be participating in the Thanksgiving Eve worship by ushering, lecturing and after the service will have a silent auction with the proceeds going to youth activities and work camp. They have a new T-Shirt design and will be selling tee shirts and sweatshirts as well.

PROPERTY: Written report from Steve read. Steve and his son, Derek installed a light above the security box in the Cornerstone making it easier to set and disarm the alarm. We received a snow blower from Lynn Perrin that needed some repairs, Steve has done those repairs and we now have a snow blower. He wanted to thank everyone for all the support and encouragement he has gotten concerning the Gospel group. Getting this group up and going has touched Steve and strengthens God's hold on him. Thanks be to God for giving us the tools to make this happen! Our next Gospel service will be November 27th at 10:30 and a Country Gospel Christmas service on the 23rd of December at 7pm.

The squares group will be donating proceeds from the breakfasts they do the 2nd Sunday of each month, towards getting power out to the garage and water out for the community garden.

We need to have people sign up for cleaning the Cornerstone. We have cut Lynn's hours to save the church money and we need to have people volunteer to do this. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

WORLD MISSION: Missions for December are in house and will assist with the Christmas baskets.

FINANCE: Transitioning with the CPA. Elaine has noticed some inconsistency with the payroll and is researching this along with Matt. They will look into the possibility of direct deposit for payroll.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: The Holiday schedule is complete and the congregation is getting an insert that gives the activities and times. Advent services begin December 2nd at 7pm with soup suppers starting at 5. The choir will do the first soup supper but need people to help clean up and serve. The choir will be singing at all the advent services. The choir will be doing a cantata at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We will have a candle light service at 10:30. There will be a 9am service with communion on the 25th and ONE

service on the 27th at 9am. Kristy will be gone on the 25th and 27th, Angie Olson will be playing. We will resume the regular schedule on January 3rd.

EDUCATION: Attendance is not good for the 5th and 6th grade on Sunday mornings. Not sure why, but will continue to review this. They will be giving out Advent Calendars to all the families of the Sunday school children.

WEB SITE...Is up and running, check it out at www.longlakeluth.org

Next meeting will be December 3rd at 7pm to go over the 2010 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Candy McColley

