

APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Howard McNair, President. Howard began the meeting with a prayer. Present were Howard McNair, Julio Jimenez, Pastor Vige, Ken Brown, Susan Smith, Dan Runge, Mary Greenwood, SueAnn Collinge, Ron Beisecker and Janet Wedlock.

AGENDA ADOPTED. The agenda as previously distributed was unanimously adopted with the following addition: under New Business, add the item Apostles Café by Mary Greenwood.

DEVOTIONS. Pastor Vige led the devotions based on Book of Faith Bible Study, Mark 4:2-3.

MINUTES APPROVED. The May 12, 2009, Council Meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the following corrections: under the Church Administrator's Report, the dedication for Apostles Village occurred at 3 p.m.; under New Business, Caring Ministry is still vacant after Corky Lund decided the responsibilities would be too much for her.

INTRODUCTION. Howard McNair introduced Janet Wedlock, recording secretary. Pastor Vige clarified this is an off council position. Ron Beisecker requested a copy of the minutes be posted on the bulletin board. Pastor Vige and Howard McNair requested a draft of the minutes for review.

SPECIAL ORDER. Pastor Vige moved that since Council elects representatives to the Apostles Village Board; and since the grant should close in November; and since changing representatives at this time would be disruptive to the work of the Board; therefore the existing representatives (Mary Greenwood, Kathy Hockemeyer, Dan Runge, Ron Beisecker and Pastor Vige) continue to serve until the grant is closed. Ken Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. April is the annual meeting of the Apostles Village Board.

STAFF REPORTS.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Vige noted that his May 2009 report may have some transfer errors in the attendance statistics. Pastor reviewed the new names of our three services, Bread of Life (11:15), Feast of Joy (9:45) and Banquet of Grace (8:45). The three different formats require three different bulletins. A list of Pastor's Vacation and Work Out-of-Town Schedule through October 12, 2009 was distributed.

AIM Report. SueAnn Collinge presented her report dated June 9, 2009 to the council.

Membership Changes. Ron presented the May 2009 report he and office staff prepared of members to remove from the rolls due to non-giving per the constitution. Pastor requested Neuhoff be taken off the list for good cause. Mary suggested the church send a notice before dropping members from the rolls. She asked if we have tried to contact these people. Pastor stated that no group is willing to take responsibility for the contacts. Julio stated that the constitution doesn't require it. Mary moved that the decision to remove the members be continued to the next council meeting to allow time for the Caring committee to contact these people. Pastor seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Finance Report. Dan Runge discussed the May 2009 Financial Statement, commenting that cash flow is important to him and crucial over the next three months. Cash on hand at the end of May was \$25,986.23.

Designated Giving Report. There was no report since Phil Haas was not present.

Church Administrator's Report. Ron Beisecker reported some repairs to the bathroom were made and Gregg Prince was back to work.

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Preschool Report. Ron Beisecker presented the Apostles Lutheran Preschool Account Summary dated May 31, 2009. From the account balance left, about \$5,000 will be needed for start up next year. It would be good to set aside some of the remainder in secure savings for a possible new curriculum and cash for facilities repair. Preschool pays \$1,000 per month to the church. Dan Runge asked where the break even point is and Ron responded 18 students. Julio asked if there was any thought to raising tuition, however there are state restrictions for program tuition.

CONTINUING BUSINESS.

Discipleship Report. There was no report since Kristen Smith was not present.

Open Council Seat. Pastor Vige mentioned that the Council still has an open seat and that someone had expressed interest but was not yet a member. He is waiting for the new member class and installation. Howard clarified that the seat was open to all qualified members of Apostles Lutheran Church, and the council would vote on which of the presented members would get the seat.

Designated Giving Management. Julio initiated discussion of the funds management and whether it would be wiser to invest in secure savings in this economy. Ron explained the history of the funds. An earlier council developed the restrictions now attached to the money which were adopted as an amendment to the constitution by the congregation. Mary Greenwood suggested council look monthly at the funds. The group agreed.

NEW BUSINESS.

ELCA Website. "God's work. Our hands." This is the new tagline on the ELCA website. Howard briefly discussed the resources available on the ELCA and Florida Bahamas websites. He called council's attention to the ELCA contest for a video illustrating the tagline.

Emergency Plan. Ron and Julio will prepare a plan for the next meeting.

Fellowship Café. Mary described the history of the café and current problem finding volunteers. Pastor spoke of the importance of a hospitality ministry.

Ministry Assignments. SueAnn has a list. Susie will accept the Teaching ministry assignment. Mary will continue in Caring: Preschool and Serving are still open. Neither Corky nor Richard has an assignment yet.

BENEDICTION

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted and recorded by Janet Wedlock

HANDOUTS

- ✓ Agenda, Congregational Council Meeting, June 9, 2009, 7:00 pm.
- ✓ Pastor's Report, May 2009
- ✓ Pastor's vacation and Work Out of Town, undated
- ✓ Council Report: June 9th, 2009, SueAnn Collinge, AIM
- ✓ Membership Changes, May 2009
- ✓ May 2009 Financial Statement Comments
- ✓ Apostles Lutheran Preschool, Account Summary, May 31, 2009
- ✓ Bismark, N.D., The story behind the ad – ELCA webpage

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- ✓ What You Need to Do – ELCA webpage

