

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD OF MINISTRY

Minutes: August 18th, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Ministry of St. James was held on Thursday, August 18, 2011; at 6:30 pm. President Jon Finseth called the meeting to order.

Present:

Sheri Doyle	Drew Eckmayer	Dave Engelke-absent
Jon Finseth	Diane Fronek	Mary Hinner
David Polet	Ed Schultz	Mark Smith
Pastor Kurt Billings	Pastor Peter Narum-absent	

Devotions: Pastor Kurt

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2011, were reviewed. M/S/C There was one correction: Under **Parking Lot** *succeed* should be *exceed*.

Treasurer's Report July, 2011: Presented by Treasurer, Mark Smith:

For the month ending July 31, 2011, total receipts recorded were \$30,705.69 compared to a budget of \$29,749.96. This resulted in a favorable variance of \$955.73. Total receipts for the year are \$251,364.32 compared to a budget of \$263,599.78 resulting in an unfavorable variance of (\$12,235.46). Total receipts last year at this time were \$235,330.19. Total expenditures on a year-to-date basis were \$286,148.34 compared to a budget of \$290,385.33 with a favorable variance of \$4,236.99. M/S/C Kurt will have Michelle Lichty look into discrepancies of line items #49 #59 #99 on the activities statement #95 –continuing education for Kurt and payroll for the staff and Kelly Rogers.

Pastor, staff and Ministry Team reports: Pastors' reports were reviewed. **Pastor Peter-** on vacation **Pastor Kurt:** Kurt is busy planning for the fall; the stewardship drive, Oktoberfest (October 8th), selecting books for the St. James Book Group, final 125th anniversary celebration (October 9th), the ministry fairs (September 18th & 25th) and returning to two worship services on Sundays. Kurt thanked Jon Finseth and Ed Schultz for their years of service on the Board of Ministry. On August 28th (semi-annual meeting), elections will be held for two new members. Elizabeth Odders-White is one nominee. Kurt is waiting to hear from another candidate.

Items for attention:

Ministry Team Updates: The teams did not meet this month.

Parking Lot: Work has begun on the parking lot and should be completed the week of August 22nd. Mark will wait till the church receives the bill from the paving company before making a decision of how much money to disperse from the budgets for Building and Grounds, Maintenance and a maturing certificate of deposit from the Frank Schroeder Estate.

Youth Education Coordinator (YEC): The contract expires August 31, 2011. Motion was made to change “term call” in the YEC contract to a “staff position”; effective immediately-M/S/C. Pastor Kurt will address the additional hours and duties with the YEC coordinator Kelly Rogers.

St. James Foundation: Is looking for a way to better inform the congregation that there is a foundation and how to give. St. James has received monies from the Marlyn Franzen Estate and the Robert Fritsch Estate.

Other Business: Diane Fronck reminded the BOM that St. James was hosting a blood drive on August 27th.

Laura Doyle and Amanda Johnson- Kurt asked Sheri to thank her daughter Laura for her time and dedication working in the nursery during services on Sundays. Amanda Johnson will be assuming the duties.

Closing prayer: 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: TBA

With there being no further business, M/S/C to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by: Mary Hinner, Secretary.