

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD OF MINISTRY

Minutes: July 21st, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Ministry of St. James was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011; at 6:30 pm. President Jon Finseth called the meeting to order.

Present:

Sheri Doyle

Drew Eckmayer

Dave Engelke

Jon Finseth

Diane Fronek

Mary Hinner

David Polet-*absent*

Ed Schultz-*absent*

Mark Smith

Pastor Kurt Billings-*absent*

Pastor Peter Narum

Devotions: Pastor Peter- read a passage from the book “Messy Spirituality” by Michael Yaconelli-God’s annoying love for imperfect people

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2011, were reviewed. M/S/C (thank you Drew)

Treasurer’s Report June, 2011: Presented by Treasurer, Mark Smith:

For the month ending June 30, 2011 total receipts recorded were \$30,946.25 compared to a budget of \$41,749.96. This resulted in an unfavorable variance of (\$10,803.71). Total receipts for the year are \$220,658.63 compared to a budget of \$233,849.82 resulting in an unfavorable variance of (\$13,191.19). Total receipts last year at this time were \$207,938.19. Total expenditures on a year-to-date basis were \$241,646.39 compared to a budget of \$251,053.48 with a favorable variance of \$9,407.09. M/S/C

The Annie Gerhard certificate of deposit (CD) matured; Mark will look for a renewal rate. Vince Reed gave \$5,500.00; \$3,000.00 to go towards the Jan Reed Scholarship Fund. Pastor Peter will have Michelle Lichty put a summery of the budget, for the first six months of 2011, into the Jottings.

Pastor, staff and Ministry Team reports: Pastors’ reports were reviewed. **Pastor Kurt:** Is in New York City with the youth on a mission trip. **Pastor Peter:** Likes the small town feel of St. James and the variety of work it presents. Peter has had a full summer with counseling, visitations, baptisms, weddings, confirmation, funerals and community meals. The 125th anniversary Hymn Sing was successful. Peter is going to see if Pastor Awes is available to preach the weekend of August 13th & 14th; as both pastors will be absent. Mr. Trollop is making a small-portable communion table for the church. Congratulations to Peter and Betsy on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Items for attention:

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

Parking Lot: Dave Engelke, of the Building and Grounds Ministry Team, presented the final bids for repairing the parking lot. It was decided that the major over-haul to the parking lot will be done in approximately five years. At that time the lot will be expanded and another access will be designed from Franklin Street. Of the bids received, the first two - specifics were not detailed and there were contingencies regarding the disposal of debris. There was a motion to accept the third bid and move forward with the maintenance this August; the bid not to exceed \$13,000.00. This motion supersedes the motion made May 19, 2011, for \$6,000.00. M/S/C The funds will be dispersed from the budgets designated for maintenance, building & grounds and a maturing certificate of deposit (Frank Schroeder Estate).

Youth Education Coordinator (YEC): The contract expires August 31, 2011. The position is 25 hours per week. Pastor Peter recommended renewing the contract and expanding the position. Kelly is the YEC at this time and over-sees both the confirmation and Sunday schools. Kelly has the schedules printed for the year (2011-2012) and ready to release in pamphlet form at the beginning of the school year. Mark is going to look at the budget and the YEC contract will be discussed at the August Board meeting. It is the boards desire to make the position full-time by January, 2012.

Stewardship: This was postponed till the August meeting.

Semi-Annual Meeting: August 28, 2011. Nominations for the board will be presented and voted on. The following members returning are: Dave Engelke, Mark Smith and Mary Hinner. Jon Finseth declined. Ed Schultz was absent and Pastor Peter will contact him.

Closing prayer: 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: August 18, 2011, 6:30 pm.

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

Submitted by: Mary Hinner, Secretary.