

**Peace Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2011**

Attendees

Judy Rudolf	Council President	present
Andi Bartolomeo	Vice President	present
Phyllis Farris	Treasurer	absent
Connie Faustini	Secretary	present
Craig Endicott	Pastor	present
Don Robinson	Communications	absent
Sharon Altman	Education	present
Deb Foster	Fellowship	present
Mike Foster	Finance	absent
Rex Ayers	Property	present
Daryl Faustini	Stewardship/Evangelism	present
Sarah Stamos	Youth	present
Pam Sparks	Social Concerns	absent
Gretta Williams	Worship and Music	present

Opening devotions – Sarah S. provided devotions.

Approval of February 2011 Council Minutes – The March 2011 meeting minutes were accepted with revisions. **M/S/A.**

Pastor’s Administrative Report

- The average attendance in February was 156 individuals/Sunday. The average attendance was 167 in 2008, 170 in 2009, and 149 in 2010 (worship cancelled 1st Sunday due to snow).
- Attendance at numerous meetings, upcoming weddings and baptisms and prayer concerns were reported.

Treasurer’s Report – Mission Plan revenue (\$23,047) greater than operating expenses (\$29,077); total revenues of \$31,870 were received. As of February 28, \$49,921 cash in the bank, \$23,891 in MIF account and \$104,314 in building expansion fund.

A new format for church finances was provided. Comments from Council members on the new format included: reports would need interpretation; narrative description of status would be helpful, not helpful for budget management, reports prepared from ICON, but ICON does not include the budget; an excel version can be created but would result in twice the work.

Ministry Evaluations – Fellowship

Deb F. provided a handout summarizing the strengths, challenges, and opportunities for the Fellowship Ministry. Fellowship is served by a small, but dedicated committee. The committee is trying to think of new activities; may consider attending a National’s Baseball game. Challenges include recruiting new members and completing with other

church activities. Donations from the Shrove Tuesday dinner were \$158; contributions moved to designated fund.

Constitution Review – Part I

Pastor Craig will prepare a summary of the constitution relevant to Council for presentation at upcoming meetings.

Council Business

- Lutheran resource websites were provided for reference.
 - National church – www.elca.org
 - Metropolitan Wash. DC Synod – www.metrodcelca.org
- Building/Capital Appeal Status
 - Contracts signed for architectural and civil engineering firms
 - MIF application submitted.
- Transition Team – Team responsible for planning the transition; Council will need to approve the creation of a transition team and associated budget. Daryl F. moved that a transition team be established. **M/S/A.** Most committees will need to be involved in the planning and implementation phases.
- Review of ByLaws – Council needs to review and provide comments by the April meeting.
- Council Retreats
 - Spring Retreat will focus on Unbinding the Gospel; plan for early June
 - Fall Retreat will focus on the Church 5-year plan. Andi & Phyllis will plan, Gretta offered space for the meeting.

Pastor's Report

- Bethany Lutheran Church will close within one month.
- Becky Froberg and Michael Foster will attend the Synod Assembly; need to register for May 2011 meeting. Andi and PJ are alternates.
- Lenten Services – three rotating Pastors will provide sermons; faith stories
- First Communion classes will begin on March 13.
- Pastor will attend the Ministers Alliance on March 13; likely focus will be on Maryland same sex marriage bill.
- Confirmation scheduled for June 12; gifts include bibles and thumb drives containing relevant information.
- Food for the Poor – Scheduled for March 27, Representative will need housing.

- Newcomer's class had been scheduled for April 10 but now moved to May; Pastor Craig has referred planning to Evangelism.
- Donations via Credit Card – Phyllis is researching options; American Express may offer non-profit rate (2.89% of donation + \$0.15/transaction). Pastor Craig moved to refer used of credit cards to make donations to the Executive Committee. **M/S/A.**

Committee Updates

- Stewardship –
 - Follow up on those having filled out time/talent/treasures forms; thank you cards send as follow up; some did not receive cards.
 - Consecration Sunday – October 16; Bishop will provide sermon; Leadership Dinner scheduled for October 9.
- Evangelism
 - Will prepare soup suppers during Lent
 - PLC bookmarkers; Book giveaway scheduled for May 21 (organized by Krysti M. and Becky F.)
 - Purchased copies of Unbinding the Gospel; 6 week commitment; will take about 3 to 6 months to rollout.

Next meeting – April 14, 6:30pm. Deb F. and Gretta W. will provide dinner. Social Concerns will provide devotions and Ministry of the Month. Property will provide the Ministry Evaluation.