

St. John's Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2009

- I. Call to Order: Andy Banks called to order the regular meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church Council at 7:00PM on 11/2/09 in the lounge.
  - II. Devotions: Andy told about a small coin (penny) having a great comfort motto: In God We Trust"
  - III. Attendance: Members present: Andy Banks, Mary Nicole Bennett, Beth Chapman, Priscilla Horner, Jane Kelley, Linda McQuaid, Lori Taylor, Roger Wall, Scott Wood, and Bill Agee. Members absent: Sam Boynton, Linda Gillet, Jennifer Moss, Teddy Roberts, and Kandi Ruth.
  - IV. Minutes of the October 2009 meeting were accepted as presented. (Taylor/Wood)
  - V. Financial Report: Agee reported that October expenditures exceeded income (-\$6,420.72). Year to date (-\$69,926.26). Mustard Seed income over expenditures YTD +\$2,884.88. Memorials and Special gifts to date \$9,128.06, Raise the Lift \$ 14,546.00 and Friends Feeding Friends \$857.30. It is estimated that the Current Expenditures will exceed Offering for 2009 by approximately \$90,000. Report accepted (Wall/Roberts)
  - VI. Pastor Report: Visits to members-9, Visits to shut-ins with Holy Communion- 6, Hospital visits to members-9, Chaplaincy program hospital visits-3, Counseling appointments with two families-4, and 2 prospect visits. Funerals: October 7 Luvina " Dudy" Frye with burial in Rosedale Cemetery; October 21 Clarence "Bud" Leber with burial in Rosedale Cemetery. Baptisms September 26 David Patrick Ballantine, son of Daniel Joseph and Kathleen Nicole Brennan Ballantine at St. John's. Weddings October 3 Donald John Perednia and Laura Kay Gallerani in Woodstock, Connecticut. The groom is the cousin of Linda. New members Carol Jean DeMuth joined the congregation on Sunday, September 20 by Letter of Transfer from Darkesville United Methodist Church. She lives on Leslie Lane in Martinsburg. Richard Morris Hutton joined St. John's by Letter of Transfer from the Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 27. He is a loss prevention consultant with Sears and Roebuck in Martinsburg. He lives on Leslie Lane in Martinsburg. All were accepted into the congregation with open arms by council (Wood/Roberts). Luther Hall Requests: Pete Casper representing the DuPont Retirees has asked to use Luther Hall on November 19 for a dinner. They have used the building on a number of occasions in the past. The 19<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday and the date is open. We do charge them a fee for the use. Approved with a fee of \$100 (Taylor/Wood). There is a request for financial support from the WV WMD Synod concerning an additional benevolence contribution involving St. Thomas congregation in Charles Town. Moved that we do not forward additional benevolence funds to the Synod. (Wood/Horner) Confirmation Students There are presently 10 students in the two classes of confirmation - six in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and four in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. First Communion Students There were four young people who participated in this year's class - Sydney and Dylan Brewbacker, Chance Arensberg and John Esswein.
  - VII. Committee Reports:
    - a. Christian Education: No report
    - b. Social Ministry: Pie Social November 15 after each service. Friends Feeding Friends-fund balance \$827; approximately 50 fed in September and 39 in October.
    - c. Evangelism: No Report
    - d. Worship & Music: A gift of \$360 was presented to Choir Director Bland from the Choir Member dessert table fund raising project. Moved to have spot radio advertisements for Thanksgiving and Christmas at a cost of \$222. (Agee/ Wood)
    - e. Memorial: (Lori Taylor) \$237 raised from Script cards in October. The alarm system has been reworked to fine-tune some problems that existed.
    - f. Property: Several windows were repaired in Luther Hall.
    - g. Stewardship: Thanks were given to Lori Taylor for supervising and preparing the Stewardship Dinner. Lori thanked those who helped with the meal. The Budget for 2010 as amended to include a line item of \$2000 to the Grove Center was approved at the Stewardship meeting. The 2010 Budget is \$2000 larger than the 2009 Budget. Minutes will be presented at the December Council meeting.
    - h. FLYTE: Motion- FLYTE activities be suspended effective January 1, 2010 until advising problems are resolved. (Taylor/Wood) Passed
    - i. Mutual Ministry: New schedule and activities of Sexton are being reviewed.
  - VIII. New Business:
    - a. Nominating Committee: (Lori Taylor) Candidates for November 29 election-Council Nominees: Mary Nicole Bennett, Martin Herbert, Allison Janney, Sally Jenkins, Valerie Link, Brenda Morrison, Buddy Newman, Jennifer Noll, Connie Reiter, and Don Smith; and for Trustee: Rick Losh, Roger Wall
  - IX. Old Business: None
  - X. Adjournment: There being no further business the congregational council adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer
- Respectfully Submitted, Bill Agee recorder