

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Council Meeting

Date: January 11, 2012

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Attendance:

X	Pastor Kerr	X	Tim Smith	X	Paul Cottrell
	Ed Burgess		Leora Harris		Jessica Rath
X	Paul Marks		Jill Burgess	X	Jean Lloyd
X	Dick Kamprath	X	Ryan Knabusch	X	Fritz Kaminska
X	Jeff Bazick	X	Cheryl Stotz		Erin Hearl
	Karen DuRocher	X	Roxie Boll		

Guests: Sherry Kuhn

Call to Order: Tim Smith at 7:00 pm

Devotions: Pastor Kerr led with devotions

Visitors/Guests Comments: Sherry Kuhn asked to use the Community Center on April 24, 2012 and October 6, 2012 for Mom 2 Mom Sales. Paul Marks made a motion to allow the community center to be used for Mom 2 Mom sales on these dates. Roxy Boll seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: Dick Kamprath made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes. Fritz Kaminska seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports:

IKC: A monthly IKC report was distributed. The IKC board met the previous evening. Current enrollment is 132 kids. The board approved a \$2,500.00 special donation to Church Maintenance on top of the normal \$500.00 donation, to bring the year to date total of \$7,000.00. The board approved a plan to maintain a \$500.00/month donation to the church, along with a \$75.00/month contribution for the use of the copier. The next IKC board meeting will be on February 13, 2012. Officers of the board will be elected at this meeting.

Community Center: The next roast beef dinner is scheduled for January 20th. If there was enough roast beef left over from this event, the remainder could be used for the annual meeting.

WELCA: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2012.

Deacons: Removing the Christmas decorations went well. Thanks to all. Reports were given on members that have not been seen at church or heard from. Good response from those that were contacted. The deacons would like to continue this process of outreach to our missed members.

Pentecost Sunday is scheduled to have up to nine different people speaking parts in six different languages for the service. They were pleased with the response from those that were asked about participation.

Trustees: The water fountain outside the restrooms near the office will be replaced in the near future. The chair racks in the community center have been altered to accommodate the new chairs that were purchased a couple of years ago. Chairs kept falling off the ends. The small furnace used by the kitchen and office in the community center was repaired. The smell of natural gas was detected by the IKC staff on Tuesday, January 11th. A pilot light on the stove of the community center was the cause of the odor.

A new system was discussed for the church maintenance records. This item is to be determined at a later date.

Parish Education: Supplies are ordered for the spring. Christmas program went well.

Youth: Eight youths, Pastor, and Ray attended The Gathering in Lansing, MI. Everyone had a great time. This year included service project which was eye opening and rewarding. One of the locations received a new \$ 1000.00 stove to replace its badly damaged one. The funds were raised at The Gathering once everyone returned.

Pastor: Only unusual item to report was the Farewell and Godspeed ceremony for the Youngloves. We all wish them well.

Treasurer: The yearend financial report was supplied, even in Ed's absence. 2011 ended well with revenues surpassing budget by over \$10,000.00 and expenditures exceeding budget by less than \$1,000.00.

Other items of note:

- Almost \$15,000 in spendable cash in both the savings and checking.
- IKC donated \$500.00 for nine months of the year with an additional \$2,500.00 at the end of December.
- The church received \$5,100.00 from Thrivent Choice this year.

Roxy Boll moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Jean Lloyd. The motion passed.

President: Tim Smith thanked all members of the council for the efforts and hard work.

Old Business:

Nominations: Paul Cottrell gave an update of nominating committees efforts. Many positions still need volunteers to run.

Annual Reports: All reports should be ready by the end of the week.

Council Retreat 2012: Saturday, February 4th at Good Shepherd in Monroe. This event will be the council meeting for February.

New Business:

Basketball Program: The Ida Elementary Basketball Program requested to begin at 5:45 pm on February 2, 9, 13, 23 and March 1. A motion to allow was given by Jeff Bazick and seconded by Dick Kamprath. The motion passed.

Refinancing: Fritz Kaminska and Ryan Knabusch investigated the possibility of refinancing our mortgage on the church. Our current rate is 6.25% with refinancing required in May of 2013. The church's current bank offered to refinance the note at 5.25%, fixed for five years. This would lower our payments by \$800.00/month. It was determined that a congregational vote was not required; the church was not acquiring additional debt, only reconfiguring the current debt. Paul Marks moved to have the trustees refinance the outstanding loan of \$419,233.68 with Monroe Bank and Trust at 5.25% interest and allow the trustees to negotiate the closing costs required. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stotz. The motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Dick Kamprath made a motion to adjourn. Roxy Boll seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Council Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Submitted by: Paul Cottrell, President Elect