

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 21, 2009

Members present: Pastor Cooper, Jan Carter, Mary Lou Hoover, Peggy Oxendine, Beverly Weed, Janice Knight, Gary Asleson, Joni Suggs.

Pastor Cooper opened the meeting by reviewing our Mission Statement and offered communion . He then read excerpts from the book “Living Lutheran” by Dave Daubert.

Pastor gave an extensive oral report on the recent youth mission trip to West Virginia which was a great success for all. President Mary Lou Hoover called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer / Finance : Gary Asleson & Janice Knight both offered written reports.

Congregational Care: Beverly Weed reported on the ice cream social hosted by the Fellowship Committee. They are presently planning a social outing to a Riverdogs game. She reported on the youth retreat as well. The Helene Wohlers WELCA circle served lunch to the campers at the LutherRoad Camp hosted by our Church. WELCA also collected 150 Bingo gifts to present at the Women’s Convention to be dispersed to various Lutheran Homes for the elderly statewide. The much anticipated WELCA cookbook will soon be sent to the printer. Mary Lou Hoover and Nancy Rankin arranged to send food to the families of Lonnie Long and Bill Cruise, long time church members that recently passed away. No report from Lutheran Men in Mission.

Learning Team: Linda Jantzen, no report.

Property: Wayne Rimer, no report.

Service Team: Jan Carter reports that the recent Habitat for Humanity build did not receive the participation that they had hoped for or as much participation as we have given in the past, possibly because it followed so close the the two Operation Inasmuch community outreach weekends that were very successful. We have helped the James Island Outreach organization collect much needed mens underwear and socks. The Friday Respite Care program has had a decrease in client attendance down to three from six, but the Caregiver Support Group continues to be a success with an average of seven to twelve participants.

Worship Team: Pastor Cooper reports they have an upcoming meeting on August 2nd. He also discussed the 'Coffee House' service planned for August 16th. It was mentioned that having one service over the summer has been enjoyable with everyone being together for worship. We may have another 'forum' to discuss keeping only one worship service. It was reported that Mary Beth Brennan and Robin Richard have been painting several rooms in the church. The council has planned to honor them this Sunday for all their hard work and dedication to our church. Pastor discussed the 'Parents Morning Out' program citing that the church and council need to take more ownership if it to be a success. It would need at least two paid attendants in addition to volunteers. If it is to move forward, there needs to be a planning committee formed. We have grant money on hold for this project.

Peggy and Mary Lou visited our neighbors at Publix and spoke with the manager for the purpose of introducing our church to them and offered our grounds for them to use if needed. In return they offered to donate unsold food and dry goods for us to give to the

James Island Outreach program and Lutheran Social Services.

The Ashley River Parish will start organizing and attempt to secure funding and recruit for Stephen Ministry Leaders.

New Business:

The congregational meeting will be September 13th between services.

The church's 50th Anniversary is coming in 2011, hopefully the Capital Campaign will be well under way.

A 'New Disciples Class' will be held September 20th and 27th.

The August council meeting will be on the 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Joni Suggs, secretary

