

# **Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Church Council Minutes**

**June 16, 2008**

Vice President Peggy Oxendine Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Joni Suggs, Linda Jantzen, Millie Taylor, Beverly Weed, Peggy Oxendine, Marie Putney, Jan Carter, Gary Asleson, Pastor Stephen Cooper.

Members absent: Mary Lou Hoover, Janice Knight, Beverly Weed, Wayne Rimer, Dawn Congdon, Carley Condon.

Pastor Cooper opened the meeting by discussing "Kyries" (prayer concerns) and "Glorias" (thanksgivings) and how we could utilize small groups for these. Pastor also discussed the importance of laughter and love in a healthy church. He then read Psalm 30.

The minutes of the church council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> were presented for review. Jan Carter moved to approve the minutes as presented and Linda Jantzen seconded the motion and council approved.

Peggy led the meeting by reviewing reports, both verbal and written.

Pastor Cooper moved to excuse absences from the May council meeting. Council approved the motion.

New Business: Pastor Cooper discussed the recent Natural Church Development survey taken by some members of the church. Results are expected within the month and will be presented to and discussed by the vision team and Pastor Stewart and at a Council/Leadership Retreat and Planning session which has been set for August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

New council notebooks were reviewed and our church Mission Statement read. The organizational structure of council was discussed and Pastor noted that we would be dividing the council into two ministries to meet at separate times, a **Support Ministry** to include the Executive Committee plus team leaders of the Property, Finance, Stewardship and Mutual Ministry teams and a **Mission Ministry** to include the Worship, Service, Evangelism, Learning, Congregational Care and Vision team leaders along with the Youth representative.

These monthly meeting will begin in July with the **Support Ministry meeting Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church** and the **Mission Ministry meeting Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Peggy Oxendine's home.**

There will be one combined service at 10 a.m. on both June 29 and July 6. Pastor and several adult members will accompany the Youth on their Mission Trip July 13 to 19. In his absence Pastor Mark Scott of Lutheran Planned Giving of South Carolina will lead worship and offer a "Planned Giving" congregational forum on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The next full council meeting will at the **Council/Leadership Retreat, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the church.**

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

Your Sister In Christ,

Joni Suggs