

Minutes of Church council Meeting  
May 12, 2008

Present: Pr. Froelich, Jim Costello, Steve Dalton, Warren Honnold, Paulina Janssen, Gene Johner Brian Kampe, Peter Scully, Ed Spear, Cafti Walsh

Absent: Christa Dwyer, Lois Rudin

Guests: Rosemarie Sandhop, Paul Eterno, Joan Reinertsen, Peggy Bayard, Phyllis Marion, Liz Skadberg, Oddvar Skadberg, Gail Sylvester, Tommy Thompson, Rita Smith

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM. Pr. Froelich opened with prayer.
2. Meeting opened to non-council members moved by P. Scully, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Dalton, passed unanimously.
3. Open section of meeting: Gene welcomed members of congregation, invited questions –
  - a. Q: Who will be coming in to help us out in the absence of Pr. Skopak? A: Someone trained in reconciliation, forgiveness – we need someone strong. Pr. Froelich mentioned he had some ideas.
  - b. Q: Will we have someone full time? A: About 3 weeks out of 4, not 7 days/week.
  - c. Q: Any ideas about continuing Bible studies? A: It's on the agenda tonight. Right now Pr. Froelich is not sure about all the things that are going on here, so he is still playing catch-up. (Several names mentioned.) He expect to have a regular schedule of preachers, but doesn't expect to publish a preaching schedule.
  - d. Q: Do you (Pr. F.) know the status of our vicar? A: Pr. F. is meeting with him tomorrow, and will find out how he sees himself, whether here or elsewhere.
  - e. Q: Will we have, regularly, an ordained pastor preaching? Who will be in charge at the office, available for funerals, etc.? A: Pr. F. will be here 1/2 day each week. He suggested a note in the bulletin to call our church office, and also Pr. Froelich's office as need arises: St. Luke Lutheran Church 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746 Church office 499-8656 fax 462-6496 Pr. Froelich's home 462-5998 e-mail [CWKJF@aol.com](mailto:CWKJF@aol.com).
  - f. Q: Are we planning a meeting with members of the congregation to inform them? A: Possibilities: post minutes in Narthex, in bulletin, on website, post a monthly report from Council.
  - g. Q: Any nominating committee progress? A: Some, but spotty. We need 4 weeks to publish a slate before the Congregational Meeting.
  - h. Q: Availability of council minutes, by-laws, etc? A: At church office.
  - i. Q: Any other issues to be raised? A: "We are satisfied that we are in good hands."
  - j. Guests left meeting at 8:15PM. Remainder of meeting was conducted in executive session, beginning at 8:20PM.

4. Our regular procedures may have to change some, as Pastor Froelich can only help us to a certain extent. He brought up the idea of Pr. William Phillip Bruening, who is retiring from Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA. He is currently the senior pastor in a 1,000-member church in suburban Richmond. He wants to help congregations via *intentional interim ministry*, in which he has been trained. He was formerly VP of the Southeastern District, has started a pre-school, Bible studies, and a capital program for a \$3 million expansion. NOTE: Pastor Bruening would not be available until September. Pr. F. suggests we make contact and have him come here to check things out.
5. Vicar situation currently: discussion related to personnel; thus confidential.
6. Nursing-home schedule on Tuesdays? No coverage May 20 & 27 as yet.
7. Worship schedule for summer: Wednesday evenings, Sunday @ 8:30 and 10AM. This will make it easier to find guest preachers.
8. Baptisms – Jim Lundgren is doing preparation of parents, scheduling through the church office, usually done during services. Three are 3 Baptisms scheduled on Sunday 5/18.
9. Weddings: (A LOT OF THEM!!) There are scheduling issues to be dealt with.
10. Visitation Schedule, coordination will be via Caregivers, under John Gobler.
11. Schedules (Deacons, Lay Assistants, Acolytes) will come from office – Paulina will e-mail them to Pr. Froelich.
12. Bible Studies: Thursday AM, Sunday AM (adults). Will continue.
13. Schedule of publication of slate of officers and notice of Congregational Meeting set for Sat/Sun May 17/18 – date of Congregational Meeting will be Thursday, June 19, 2008.
14. Move to accept minutes of previous meeting – motion by S. Dalton, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Scully, passed unanimously.
15. Finances: data does not include \$10K in February transferred from savings, nor a \$10K float from Pre-School (we owe them this in June).
16. Accounts payable:
  - \$10K loan to Pre-School
  - \$15K outstanding bills
  - \$4K Pitney-Bowes
  - \$10K owed to Flynn-Air

for June meeting we will need  
 a-list of creditors  
 b- need for new infusion from savings  
 c-ballot for church council
17. Motion by P. Scully to authorize necessary electrical work in Parish Hall, lin Pre-School office, to be paid by Pre-School) - 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Dalton – passed unanimously.

18. Meeting closed with prayer – adjourned 10:00PM.