

**Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
June 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, Chairperson. Devotion was led by Pastor Dave Beese.

Council members present: Jennifer Bolton, Ken Gerardy, Chuck Wanamaker, Virgil Norris, Shirley Kirchner, Kathy Spaulding, Charles Niemann, Bob Harger, Diane Ziehl, Don Peterson and Pastor Beese.

Melba Bangert was out of town and Helmut Lacas was not in attendance.

The Council welcomed Kathy Spaulding as a new member, filling the unexpired term of Tom Reeder.

A motion was made by Ken Gerardy and seconded by Chuck Wanamaker to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – There was discussion on the balance sheet 5/31/09. It was mentioned that the negative numbers indicate that those funds are earmarked for specific projects. A discussion ensued about the fact that these negative numbers are confusing and that the report can be reprogrammed to eliminate them. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss how to change the program to reflect these amounts differently. A motion was made by Charles Niemann and seconded by Ken Gerardy to accept the reports as written. Motion carried.

Building Fund Report – Ken Gerardy reported he continues to pay extra each month on the mortgage. If giving continues at this pace, the mortgage will be retired in 6 years. The new loan is for 5 years at 6.5%. A motion was made by Diane Ziehl and seconded by Chuck Wanamaker to accept the report as written.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Dave thanked all council members for their service. Pastor has spoken to several ladies of the congregation who have recently lost their spouses about starting a grief support group. There was sufficient interest and will start this Fall. This week is the first Cruise Worship at the 4MM. Kathleen Marco will be having surgery next Tuesday and will miss 2 Sundays so Joyce Wanamaker has agreed to fill in for her. Pastor will start his summer Bible study on Monday, June 22nd. Pastor asked that the following people be removed from the church roll due to inactivity: Richard and Susan Kuhn, Kelly and Joann Bass, Gary and Arlene McIntosh, Shirley Hall, Jordan and Alane Vollers. He has verified that each of these individuals are worshiping elsewhere. Pastor made a motion and Don Peterson seconded to remove these names from the church roster. Motion carried.

The following persons will be received into membership on June 28, 2009: John and Maxine Williams, Don and Ann Johnson, Eldean Hanke and Donna Rak. A motion was made by Bob Harger and seconded by Charles Niemann to accept them into membership. Motion carried.

Currently there are a number of members hospitalized or having surgery and Pastor asked that we keep them all in our prayers.

Committee Reports

Christian Education – Dorothy Englestad is not prepared at this time to start a 2nd Adult Bible Class. A Leadership Conference will be held in Kansas City that she has found to be outstanding educational opportunities. Dorothy will put an article in the newsletter with registration information. Dorothy will start a newsletter article indicating a “suggested reading” list of Christian books. VBS will be held at West Lake Christian Academy July 13-17. Diane Ziehl will start an after school program in August with children from Kent and hopes to expand that program in September. The program will be held at least once per month.

Evangelism – Kathy shared a proof of business-card sized invitation cards that are being prepared for congregants to carry in their wallets to hand out when talking about Kent to others. The July music event has been postponed until October due to Kathleen's upcoming surgery.

Finance – No Meeting

Long Range Planning – The committee continues discussions on the stained glass windows and will meet with the artist next week. They need to pick patterns for the inside of the windows. The committee also discussed the undesignated memorial monies that are sitting idle in the Ministry Fund. A revision to the constitution may have to be made to allow these funds to be utilized elsewhere.

Ministry Fund – No meeting

Mutual Ministry – No meeting. They will have a meeting in July to discuss the surveys.

Property – The sign is missing from the South side of the property as it is being repainted and will be raised 20” when re-installed for better visibility. The code for the lock box was changed to provide more security. Congregants may call the church office if they have a need for the code.

Social Ministry – No meeting but there was a written report of their activity since the last report

Stewardship – No meeting. Virgil will be starting Building Fund Temple talks this Sunday.

Worship and Music – No meeting

Youth Ministry – A very generous anonymous donor gave \$200 to the youth on the day of the Doll House drawing. Diane reported that the youth will be starting visitation and entertaining of the nursing home in Laurie in the next two weeks.

Partnership for the Missional Church – This weekend is a cluster meeting in St. Louis where we will give reports from activities so far. This info from the meeting will be shared with the congregation.

Old Business

Building Fund Drive – Congregational pot luck on July 15 at 6:00 pm. Kent Thrivers are providing the meat for this meal. Entertainment will be provided. The timeline board has been updated.

Synod Meeting Report – Virgil reported on a Synod Assembly in which hard issues were tackled; due in part to the recent murder of abortion doctor Dr. Tiller in a Kansas ELCA church and the sexuality issues. Much discussion ensued without concrete answers to be taken to the National level. The Bishop and his wife did a travel log on Palestine.

Columbarium Ministry – A motion was made by Kathy Spaulding and seconded by Charles Niemann to transfer \$6,499.17 out of this account into the General Fund. Motion carried. There are 44 niches still not sold. The money from future niche sales will be earmarked for the Columbarium Fund.

New Business

Youth Service Project – Virgil asked if the youth would be willing to help entertain children at the homeless shelter on the nights of adult Bible Class. Attendance at this Bible Class has increased with the addition of BBQ meal every other week. Diane will take the request to the committee.

Correspondence – Jennifer read a letter from the Bishop thanking Kent for mission giving. A thank you was received from the Pregnancy Help Center for Kent contributions in the baby bottles. A thank you note was received from Darlene Beall for the loaf of bread and wooden cross.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Don Peterson and seconded by Chuck Wanamaker that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer. Motion carried.

Deanne DeJarnette, Acting Recording Secretary