

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Minutes
February 16, 2009

Members Present: Pastor Fruhling, Pastor Hagstrom, Chris Lindell, Dave Evans, Kurt Beenen, Jeff McGuire, Dave Brauhn, Rick Erickson, Sue Pearson, Von Cary, Jan Rushford, Jane Lindell, and Pauline Pristash

Call to Order:

President Chris Lindell called the meeting to order and led an opening prayer. Since there were some new Council members, each person introduced himself or herself.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed.

Von Cary led devotions, reading from the book Jesus, C.E.O., by Laurie Beth Jones. The reading was entitled, "Grace for the Moment." It was based on John 6:40 and was about God's will.

Chris went over a draft of a job description for Council members.

Chris gave the nominations for other Council officers.

Vice-President: Dave Brauhn
Chaplain: Von Cary
Treasurer: Jeff McGuire
Secretary: Pauline Pristash

Sue Pearson moved the election of the slate, and Jeff seconded the motion, which carried.

Chris introduced Jody Skogen, our Youth Ministries Director, who gave the Council an overview of her work with the middle school and high school youth. This program encourages these young people to live out their faith in their everyday lives. She talked about how difficult this can be today. She talked about the Youth Mission Trip this summer. Instead of making a trip to another location, we will be housing many young people coming to Cedar Rapids to repair flood-damaged homes.

Pastors' Report:

Pastor Hagstrom gave his report, including an update on the Future Facilities and the Capital Appeal. He also reviewed the Vision and Bold Steps program.

Pastor Fruhling gave his report, touching on the Future Facilities Team and the Capital Appeal, referencing Pastor Hagstrom's report. He also told the Council about his upcoming sabbatical in June, July, and August. He also talked about the plans for worship during Lent and about plans for a fourth worship service to begin after Lent. It is planned for 7:15 P.M. on Wednesday evenings to accommodate families participating in the Wednesday evening program but not making it to Sunday morning worship. Flood Relief work will start up again this spring. A group of people are planning a construction/medical mission trip next month during spring break. Two new persons have joined the staff. Chuck Anholt will replace Geary Kappmeyer, and Tami Foley will serve as Youth Mission Trip Coordinator for this summer's event.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Pristash