

**Voters Meeting Date: January 30, 2011**

**Meeting was called to Order**

**Pastor opened with a prayer**

**Review Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were presented following the last meeting, there were no revisions.

Motion to Accept as Presented: Jahn

Seconded by: Wogaman

And Passed

**Treasurer's Report (attached)**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>(19) Receipts +/-</b>	<b>(36) Building Expense</b>	<b>(59) Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>(88) Total Admin.</b>	<b>(97) +/- Total to Budget</b>	<b>Check Book Balance</b>
<b>Current Month</b>	\$				\$	
<b>Y.T.D.</b>	<b>\$ -20,713</b>	<b>\$ 2,747 ub</b>	<b>\$ 1,501 ub</b>	<b>\$7,766 ub</b>	<b>\$ -12,947</b>	<b>\$ 5,754</b>

Motion to Accept: Hassey

Seconded by: Knoll

And Passed

**Reports of Boards**

**Elders**

The annual report on page 17 is reviewed.

Motion to Accept: Hassey

Seconded by: Szeklinski

And Passed

**Sunday School and Youth**

We are midway through the 2010-2011 school year. We finished 2010 on budget. We have 83 students enrolled.

Motion to Accept: Hassey

Seconded by: Szeklinski

And Passed

**Evangelism**

The board has been working with the school board on a handout to promote the new expanding preschool. They would like each person here to take home this handout and put it in a neighbor's mailbox. The board is also planning on several more Friday night fish fry's. Please bring a neighbor or friend.

Motion to Accept: Wogaman

Seconded by: Szeklinski

And Passed

**Parish Fellowship**

The board is currently planning the Lenten dinners, five nights are still open. Please contact Joan if you would like to reserve one of the nights.

Motion to Accept: Wogaman  
Seconded by: Hassey  
And Passed

### **Finance**

Prior to the finance report, Dave Moyer makes a motion: (as amended) *I move to discontinue the St. Peter's K(removed K3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Day school after the current school year and direct the Church Council to appoint a committee or the Board of Elders to begin a process that will result in their recommendation to the May Voter's meeting, a proposal that would improve our ministry to the entire youth and young adult sector of our congregation. This could result in the hiring of a full-time Director of Christian Education (DCE) or Associate Pastor in lieu of the current school and its staff. This does not include the current Rainbow Preschool.* Discussion followed: Bob Hassey believes we must do a better job of reaching out to our confirmands, they disappear after graduating. Bob believes our money can do a better job of outreach if we take a different approach. Jim Bakke the school has gotten smaller along with the preschool. The board continues to change as per many parent's comments and requests. Dan Tagatz comments that he would like to see an analysis on how we can better serve the youth of the congregation before we vote to close down the school. Dave declines the request to modify his motion. Bill Lindbloom, he believes that this would be a huge mistake after all the time that has been put into this. Becky Bell, we need to consider other options to make this all work. We do need to consider a D.C.E., this would be a big step for our church. She believes we should discontinue the current Vicar program to allow for this to happen. Gil Amborn, the history of the school has not been positive in its growth, the congregation hasn't grown as a result of the school, and he believes it is a time for change. Irene Tuscany believes that the all day preschool could be a positive change and would like to see this impact before closing down the school. Lisa Salo, the school closing would be a big mistake. She believes that the current School Board will make this program work, closing the school will divide the church further. Scott Plier, questions that if the church hasn't grown since the school began, why would we worry about closing the school. Scott believes that the church should look at reaching out to all the youth of the congregation. Bob Hassey, has been a vocal opponent of the school on several occasions, he has supported it despite those feelings and has never considered leaving this church. Linda Rayeske believes other avenues should be taken to see how to get other kids involved. The school has reached out to the Sunday School but they don't respond. Jim Bakke, little things that the board has done are starting to work, we need to continue to work together. A recent graduate is currently at the top of her class, we have a good educational program. Brenda Bakke would have to leave this church because she would need to join a church that has a school. Dan Jahn, questions whether this motion is allowed via the constitution. Duane Harma, would like to see this vote taken as a secret ballot. Sue Lindbloom would like more information on the other options before this vote is taken. Terry Jacobs, came to this church because of our program and is here because of it. The school has been very good for his family. The school history has created some of the issues regarding growth, those are now being overcome. Linda Knoll joined the school board to help the school become a better part of the congregation. They have tried very hard to be a contributing member of the church. They are open to any suggestions that anyone might have. A show of hands is taken to discontinue any further discussion

and move to a vote on the original motion as written. Irene Tuscany, suggests that if you feel this is too weighty of a decision to be made now, vote NO. Yes 49, No 54, the motion does not pass.

The 2011 budget is presented, total is \$348,000. Linda reviews by income and expense group. This is a balanced budget based on the estimate of \$348,000 in revenue. Tim makes a motion to amend the budget to remove \$12,000 out of the Board of Parish Preschool and add it to the capital improvement seconded by Kace Kaiser. Pastor calls the question, second by Anderson, a vote is taken. The motion does not pass. A motion to approve the budget as amended by Tuscany seconded by Byerly and passed.

Motion to Accept: Moyer  
Seconded by: Szeklinski  
And Passed

### **School Board**

Preschool has 14 families expressing interest in full day kindergarten. A fun fair was held yesterday, 10 families took a tour of our facility. 5 preschool students have committed to 2011-2012, 14 students in the K-8. The board anticipates finishing the school year being able to cover their budget. A comprehensive report that was presented to the assembly was reviewed.

Motion to Accept: Anderson  
Seconded by: Szeklinski  
And Passed

### **Principal's Report**

Motion to Accept:  
Seconded by:  
And Passed

### **Social Ministry**

The Love Inc. program continues to be a huge success.

Motion to Accept: Harma  
Seconded by: Szeklinski  
And Passed

### **Stewardship**

The board did the pledge drive last October along with time and talent sheets. 75 pledges for \$155,000 and 30 time and talent sheets have been returned. There are still several openings on the upcoming slate of candidates for the church boards for 2011 to 2012. On February 25<sup>th</sup> following the church service, we will have a dinner to recognize Joan's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Motion to Accept: Hassey  
Seconded by: Wogaman  
And Passed

### **Trustees**

The board has been working with the capital improvement committee. The urinal in the men's room will be replaced this week. The snow plow bills will most likely be up from last year.

Motion to Accept: Jahn  
Seconded by: Amborn  
And Passed

**Pastor's Report**

No Report  
Motion to Accept:  
Seconded by:  
And Passed

**Vicar's Report**

No Report  
Motion to Accept:  
Seconded by:  
And Passed

**Committee Reports**

**Memorial and Bequest Committee**

The beginning balance in 1/2010 was \$761,735, ending balance in 12/2010 is \$715,615. The annual report was read. Motion to accept the report by Christiansen, seconded by Collins

**Memorial (list) Committee**

**Public Relations Committee**

**New Cemetery Committee**

**Fall Fair Committee**

The annual report was reviewed, page 8 of the annual report. The committee has selected a new chair that they are proposing be purchased to replace our current worn out chairs. They would like to purchase 200 chairs. The committee would also like to fund the replacement of the phone system in the church office. The replacement of the refrigerator in the kitchen is another project they would like to fund. These projects will total approximately \$9,000, leaving over \$40,000 in the bank.

**New Building Implementation Committee (Idle)**

**New Building Finance Committee (Idle)**

**Finance/Counters Committee**

**Building Plan Update**

A discussion is held regarding the major building projects that lie ahead. The priorities are as follows:

**Phase I**

1. Exterior of building
2. Parking lot resurfacing

**Phase II**

1. Basement tile, asbestos tile removal
2. Installation of new basement tile

Time estimates were attached to each project with the total cost of all improvements approximately \$340,000. These estimates are "recession" priced and are subject to an increase each year.

To fund these projects, CFS (Church Funding Services) was contacted to see if they could assist, they recommended that we do this fund raiser by ourselves. It is recommend

that the committee look into financing options since the interest rates are currently very favorable. The council recommended a blended approach that would include a pledge drive combined with a loan from the memorial and bequest fund. Interest only payments on this amount would be about \$3,600 annually and then approximately \$25,000 with principal reduction. Gil Amborn: Does the \$340,000 plan include interest, it does not. The comment is also made that this building improvement list doesn't include future Major improvement so that should be kept in mind that there will be more major needs down the road. Scott Plier: Was the parking lot estimate looked at completely tearing it out instead of just resurfacing; yes it would be almost double the cost. Was the entryway improvement also included in this amount, yes? Bob Hassey: Recommends that a pledge drive for three years be started to see what level of funding will still be needed. The funds needed would take all of the available funds from the Memorial and Bequest Committee since that other half of the fund is committed to the LCEF until next fall. The committee is also concerned that the church would not be able to pay off the loan, their responsibility is to maintain that fund for future generations. Dan Taggatz : Parking lot should be considered a capital improvement and not part of a fund drive. He believes action should be taken quickly to see what commitments members would be willing to pledge. Lisa Salo: There are 669 communicant members; the \$340,000 would equal about \$1,000 per family to fund these projects. The feedback will determine our next steps.

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- By law amendment

The current bylaw states that the January meeting shall be the meeting at which time the budget for the current year is adopted.

Proposed New: The budget for the plan year shall be adopted at the November Voter's meeting of the prior year, or at the January Voter's meeting for the current year.

This will be voted upon at the May meeting to be amended to the constitution.

### **Meeting Close**

Motion by: Szeklinski

Seconded by: Hassey

And Passed

### **Meeting Closes with the Lord's Prayer**