

Peace Lutheran Church of Watertown
Approved Minutes of the Ministry Board Meeting
Date: February 24, 2015 6:30 pm

Members present: Norm Bauer, John Weinzierl, Doreen Seal, Mary Hausladen, Joseph Perez, Andy Johnsrud

Members absent:

Also present: Marty Malmin, Lillie Tesch, Dan Juncewski, Clayton Seal, Julie Sprenger

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

Open Forum: Lillie Tesch asked for the Ministry Board Agenda to be issued via email prior to the scheduled meetings. Changes to the Agenda under #10 New Business:

- H. Installation of Ministry Board will be on 2/1/15
- I. Update of church directory
- J. Updating keys to the church (who receives them)

Adopt Agenda: John/Andy moved a motion to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Devotions: Presented by Pastor Shannon. Read a poem called 'A Penny and a Prayer'.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes from 12/16/14, 01/05/15, 01/07/15. Mary/Doreen moved a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers - 2015:

Mary Hausladen volunteered to run for Vice President. Doreen Seal nominated Joseph Perez. Doreen Seal volunteered to be Secretary/Treasurer. Vote was taken and Joseph will be the Vice President. Doreen will be Secretary/Treasurer. John/Joseph moved a motion to accept the election results. Motion carried.

Reports for Board Approval:

A. Financial Report –

- a. Marty Malmin stated there are no financial changes since Sunday, 01/25/15. Numbers are not completely in yet but January will probably be in the red. Mary asked which months are our worse. Marty recapped top expenses and when they hit the budget the hardest.

B. Pastor's Report –

- a. Pastor read from 1 Timothy 2:11 -15 and 3:1-13, the Characteristics of a Church Leader. He also read from Ephesians 4.
- b. Pastor's Lenten theme will be the 'Passion Story'.

C. Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach – Had a meeting on 1/19/15

- a. Monday, March 2nd Outreach will be providing a chili supper to the policemen, firemen and paramedics to show appreciation for their community service.
- b. Thursday, Feb. 12th a dinner for interested new members and last group of new members. "Getting to Know You". Dinner will be held at church.
- c. An anonymous donator will be sponsoring the 'Lumber River Quartet' for some time in September or October. More details coming forward. No cost to the church.
- d. Cyndi Bauer came and discuss the Script program that would benefit CCLS. This program allows for people to buy gift cards to restaurants and establishments with a portion going to CCLS.
- e. Paul Knutson and Greg Koppendrayner have joined our committee. Welcome!

Activities

- a. January – youth had a movie night.
- b. February – they will have open gym at CCLS on 2/22/15 at 6 – 8 pm. Pizza and water will be provided.
- c. Joseph asked why Rails to Trails parade is under the Activities/Youth program. The budget dollars are under his budget line.
- d. John Weinzierl suggested Joseph check with Carver County about a permit for road cleanup.

Education

- a. The yearly plan was approved by the MB at the beginning of the school year. No changes to it.
- b. Parents of Confirmation students will have a meeting on 2/8/15 to review guidelines.

Worship

- a. Planning meeting scheduled for 1/31/15 for the next several months of music.
- b. JoAnn Delvny will be accompaniment on most Sundays with Marla Erickson filling in when necessary.

f. Technology

Clayton Seal will help with the committee. Dan J. will review info with him.

Old Business:

A. Metanoia - Conflict Resolution

- a. Jim and Sharon Van Yperen will be at PLC on Saturday morning early for setup. Dan Junczewski will get the necessary media cards and cords for taping the seminar. Marty will have a check for them on Saturday for the balance due.

B. Augustana District

- a. Norm Bauer talked with Randy Freund the Service Coordinator from Augustana District and sent them a statement of faith and a letter requesting to join them.

C. WMES update

PLC is still waiting for the school district to develop/find the procedure. John recommended that the school call 911 and then the police have a procedure in place to use the church for a safe place. Andy Johnsrud said he could get a lockbox for the church to have a key in it so the police could get inside. John will work with the school. John/Andy moved a motion to accept the new policy. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Thrivent Financial Seminar (Peter Hess)

- a. Thrivent would like to use our church building for a seminar on estate and retirement planning. It would be held on 4/14 or 4/21 (Tuesday) at 2 pm and 7 pm. The building use fee would be waived. John/Doreen moved a motion to let them use the building. Motion carried.

B. Ministry Board Meeting

- a. Ministry Board meetings will be on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Doreen/Joseph moved a motion for the change. Motion carried.

C. Unscheduled Ministry Board meetings

- a. The Ministry Board will hold non-scheduled meeting occasionally to review policies and to touch base on issues.

D. Ministry Board Retreat (yearly planning)

- a. This will be used to set the annual calendar (confirmation dates, 1st Communion, VBS, goals, strengths, weaknesses). Executive committee will suggest dates.

E. Technology

- a. We do have contact with companies for the printer and computer in case we have issues. Clayton Seal will help when he can on issues.

F. Pastor's Schedule

- a. No comment.

G. Pastor's Housing Allowance

- a. Housing Allowance is 40% of salary. Joseph/Mary moved a motion to accept it as is. Motion carried.

H. Installation of Ministry Board will be on 2/1/15

I. Update of church directory

- a. Norm would like Pastor to work cleaning up the list of members. Kathy Berg may need to be involved because of the financial aspect. Mary Hausladen will talk to Lotito's about the information they are requesting from members.

J. Updating keys to the church (who receives them)

John will give keys to Andy, Mary and Joseph for the church. Doreen received the key for the church office desk. Andy will provide a lock box for a demonstration on how to keep the master key available.

Open Items:

1. Andy asked what we have for goals. Andy would like to see the history of the church on paper. When it started, where it started, how many members each year. Questions about finances, process of new members, why people did not join or why they left. What committees do we have and what role do they provide? Should Outreach be more involved or responsible for newly interested people after they get into the door for a length of time or does another committee take over.
2. We will have an unscheduled meeting on 1/30 Friday at 7 am.

John/ Mary moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm following saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Doreen Seal – MB Secretary