

**Peace Lutheran Church of Watertown**  
**APPROVED Minutes of Ministry Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30 pm**

**Members present:** Norm Bauer, John Weinzierl, Doreen Seal, Joseph Perez,  
Mary Hausladen and Pastor David Hanson  
**Members absent:** Andy Johnsrud  
**Also present:** Marty Malmin, Judy Jacobson, Karen Hoernemann, Bob Rieckenberg  
**Called to order:** 6:30 pm

**Open Forum:** None

**Adopt Agenda:** Add Audit Review in Financial  
Motion was made by John/Joseph/Carried to accept the revised agenda.

**Devotions:** Pastor David read from Isiah 55. "Invitation to the Thirsty"

**Secretary's Minutes:** Motion was made by Doreen/John/Carried to accept the December Ministry Board Minutes.

**Reports for Board Approval:**

**Financial** – Marty Malmin reviewed the finance report with the board.

1. We were \$2,400 over in expenses than income. December we had extra expenses in Christmas mailings, final relocation costs, and notes payable.
2. The copier has been a blessing to have but we are using it more than expected. We will continue on our current copy plan rate for 1 more quarter and then have it re-evaluated for a better rate.
3. We ended 2015 \$7,200 in the red and we have a balance of \$155,000 in notes payable.  
Motion was made by Doreen/Joseph/Carried to accept the financial report as written.

Easter Breakfast will be hosted by the Hospitality committee. Thrivent dollars will be used to help fund the breakfast. Money received in the free will offering basket will go towards the SPARK program. A motion was made by John/Doreen/Carried to accept the process.

External Audit was completed by the Delano firm of Matter Reuter CPSs, LTD. They reported that everything balanced and was in accordance with the law. A motion was made by Joseph/Mary/Carried to accept the report as presented.

**Pastoral** - Pastor David provided a very detailed report on what he has been working on this last month. December was a busy month with Christmas program, Elim Chapel, and etc. Motion made by Doreen/Mary/Carried to accept his report as presented.

**Old Business:**

1. **I-Team** – Norson/Paul Otto are close to putting out bids on the project. Water management could be an issue. I-Team is working with the city on it.
2. **Columbarium** – Doreen did research on it for state laws. There are none, per se, as it would be considered a private cemetery. John talked to the Watertown City Hall about it and if we are serious about it then we should have it drawn into our construction design. Norm has received information about building them from 2 companies. Butch Essig is very interested in having one so he will help do additional research on it.

**New Business:**

1. **Installation of New Officers** – Will be held on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> during the church service.
2. **High School Senior Scholarships** – Paul and Joan Nesvold will help fund the Scholarship program for 4 years. This will be for qualified seniors who apply for it. A motion was made by John/Joseph/Carried to accept the Nesvold's offer.
3. **Pastor David's 2016 Housing allowance** – \$35,000 of Pastor's salary will be designated to go towards housing.
4. **Lenten Service time** – Discussion around starting time of Lenten services and how it would affect the SPARK program, Ignite and worshippers. It was decided to have the service start at 6:30 pm with Soup Suppers starting at 5:30 pm. A motion was made by John/Doreen/Carried to accept the worship time. Note: Currently all mid-week offering (Lent) go to the General Fund.
5. **Thrivent** - Karen Hoernemann stated that a Thrivent member can get \$250 two times a year to go towards project/events. We may be able to use them for Lenten Suppers. We have about 27 Thrivent members at PLC. The end of March is the deadline for designate where you want your Thrivent Dollars to go to. We had approximately \$1082 contributed in 2015 from it.
6. **Wedding Arrangements** – We will be doing an annual review of our procedures for weddings and events.
7. **Adjourn** - 7:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Motion made by Doreen/Mary/Carried to adjourn.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 pm**