

# St. Matthew's Church Council

## July 10, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Don Weltzien, and opened with a Bible reading from Psalm 121.

The following were in attendance: Don Weltzien, Todd Helwig, Pastor Schroeder, Pastor Rothe, Mark Thurow, Tom Miller, Eric Ziel, Steve Servais, Roger Preuss, Bob Peregrine, Neil Landvatter, Dave Reul.

A motion was made, second and carried to approve the minutes from the June meeting.

### **Membership Changes:**

Motion was made, second and carried to:

#### Receive (by transfer)

Jeffrey and Tammy Bloedorn and sons Bradley and Nathan from Mt. Olive, Appleton

#### Dismiss (by transfer):

The following members to Hope, Oconomowoc:

Bruce and Lind Mohns

Bruce Jr., Cindi, and Gregory Mohns

Les and Jeremy Strunk

Robert and Jean Stocker and children Garret and Reese

Amy Palmer to St. Peter's, Balaton, MN

### **Unfinished Business**

Forward in Oconomowoc:

The Steering committee has not met.

A motion was made, second and carried to approve Bob Schroeder as chairman of the Steering Committee.

2003-04 Ministry Plan reports and updates will be given in the Board reports.

### **New Business**

A motion was made, second and carried that we recommend to the voters of the congregation that we should subsidize each student of Hope \$1000 for the 2003-04 school year (\$500 for kindergarten and \$333 for pre-K). Parents of the Hope children and/or Hope Lutheran Church will be responsible for the remaining tuition (\$2,475 for 1-8, \$1,237 for kind, \$820 for Pre-K).

A motion was made, second and carried to offer the same tuition subsidy to other WELS Congregations that we are offering to Hope Lutheran.

A motion was made, second and carried that we recommend to the voters of the congregation the "SMLS Enrollment Fees Schedule for 2003-2004".

A motion was made, second and carried that we recommend to the voters of the congregation the recommendations of the Salary Review Committee.

The wording that will appear on the 6-month financial statements sent out to members is:  
“Please review this 6-month report of your offerings. St. Matthew’s presently is operating at a deficit and has not reduced services or ministry.

**Pastors:**

No additional report.

**Mr. Ziel:**

No additional report.

**Board of Education:**

Steve distributed and discussed their ministry plan. It covered their main ministry goals of better stewardship of school families, getting the new school project on track and ministry to non-school families.

The Board also announced that we have some anniversaries coming up in the future; Deb Schramm (25 yrs.), Eric Paulsen (15 yrs.), Amy Mamrow (15 yrs.), Pastor Rothe ( 15yrs.).

They also announced that there would only be one pre-K class this year due to the small number of students.

**Board of Elders:**

Dave distributed and discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of their ministry plan. The focus of their efforts will be worship service related. They intend to make the worship experience warmer, friendlier and more meaningful to a broad body of Christians. Surveys will be sent out to receive member feedback on the efforts being made.

**Board of Outreach:**

No additional report.

**Board of Stewardship and Fellowship Committee:**

Tom distributed and discussed their ministry plan. The focus will be on the stewardship of our faith with an emphasis to show that membership is a privilege with responsibilities. The plan overlaps with other committee efforts and will require the help of all for the every member visits.

Tom announced that Bill Neubauer would fill the other vacancy on the Board of Stewardship.

Tom distributed and discussed Dale Mackdanzs’ suggestions for Stewardship opportunities. It is a well laid out plan to increase member involvement in stewardship activities.

**Board of Trustees:**

Mark reported that the leaks in the school roof are getting worse and will need to be repaired to avoid further damage. The leaks are above the kitchen and gym area. He obtained two quotes from different roofing companies. The difference in the cost between the two is substantial and will need to be checked into. The current condition of the entire school roof is not good and because of the improper materials that were used during the original installation, we will continue to have problems in the future. The Board of Trustees will continue to investigate the possible options of repairing or constructing a new roof over the existing one.

A motion was made, second and carried to authorize the Trustees to get the necessary information on the two original quotes and go with the best deal to repair the current leaks in the roof.

**Synod Communicator:**

No additional report.

**Memorial Trust Fund:**

Distributed and discussed reports.

**Financial Secretary:**

A motion was made, second and carried to approve the Financial Secretary's report as presented.

**Treasurer:**

A motion was made, second and carried to approve the Treasurers report as presented.

Don reminded the Boards that budget time is quickly approaching and requested that the Boards put together a priority list of items with costs.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Todd Helwig, Secretary