

# St. Matthew's Church Council

## August 14, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Don Weltzien, and opened with a Bible reading from John 6.

The following were in attendance: Don Weltzien, Todd Helwig, Pastor Rothe, Tom Miller, Eric Ziel, Steve Servais, Roger Preuss, Bob Peregrine.

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

### **Membership Changes:**

Motion was made, second and carried to:

Receive (by transfer)

Sally Schlieve and daughter Lynette from St. John, Ixonia

Dismiss (by transfer):

Brian Tremaine to Hope, Oconomowoc

Ronald and Judith Tremaine to Hope, Oconomowoc

Gillian (Pachal) Curia to St. Paul, Howards Grove

Tyler Koblitz (infant) to Our Redeemer, Yorktown, VA

### **Unfinished Business**

Forward in Oconomowoc:

Bob discussed the past survey boundaries of the future school land. He distributed and discussed the new land survey and boundaries. He recommended that we try to locate the school on the southern half of the land. This would provide more opportunities for land use on the northern portion of the lot. They are still waiting for the County zoning approval and the median cut approval. We are shooting for two median cuts but may only get one. Bob mentioned to them that we are trying for a September closing, hoping to keep the ball rolling and get this wrapped up sooner.

A motion was made, second and carried to allow Bob Peregrine to represent the seller of the school land, Bob Miller, in performing a Starker exchange. Bob Peregrine abstained from the voting.

No action was taken on the Lakeside Tuition Policy.

### **New Business**

Roger gave a brief report on the convention he attended. He said there would be a more detailed report given of all their activities in the September WELS connection.

Bob Schroeder distributed and discussed a handout on the mission of the Steering Committee. He wanted to review the current objectives of the Steering Committee with the Church Council, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. There will be presentations to the congregation that will discuss our current status and work to restart our efforts to meet our objectives. He will try to coincide the presentations with the ministry plan so that there is not too much on certain Sundays.

Linda Grunewald is leading a group that is putting together a time/talents survey that will be going out to all communicant members. Please encourage your Board members and others to fill it out.

**Pastors:**

90 plus attended VBS, which also produced a couple of prospect families. Hats off goes to those who organized the Church picnic and tied it together with VBS. They did a good job of promoting the picnic.

**Mr. Ziel:**

Enrollment numbers are down 2 from last year. Deb Schramm will be assigned as a mentor for the new teacher. Our teachers will begin making their home visits. The large parent meetings will be coming up before the school year. We will be discussing our parent covenant and laying out the parental responsibilities. We will also be discussing the teacher's responsibilities and the partnerships they will have with the parents.

**Board of Education:**

Currently working with a couple of families to assist them financially with tuition. We don't want to turn them away. A reminder should go out to the families about the food receipt/stamp programs at the local Pick n Save, Piggly Wiggly and Sentry food stores. These programs generate revenue for our school.

**Board of Elders:**

Dave and Pastor Schroeder have been visiting with other congregations to see what approach they use in dealing with their delinquent members, and how it's working. They should consider doing personal visits and not making phone calls.

**Board of Outreach:**

The Board is working on the prospect list. They are also working to develop the community care night program.

**Board of Stewardship and Fellowship Committee:**

Mr. Mackdanz is working to stay on track for the October 5<sup>th</sup> service. Tom distributed and discussed an explanation of what an every member visit might be. The Board will be recruiting individuals to help with the visits, they should also consider women. The visits will be in a short and focused time frame

**Board of Trustees:**

No report.

**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:**

No report.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Todd Helwig, Secretary