

St. Matthew's Quarterly Congregational Meeting
January 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Don Weltzien and opened with devotion by Pastor Schultz.

The members in attendance are listed on a separate page attached to these minutes.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were not available and will be read at the next congregational meeting.

Additions to the Agenda: Contact by Bielinski Builders.

Membership Changes:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive by transfer, by profession of faith, and by adult confirmation the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss by transfer, by release and by removal the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes. Pastor Schultz read a letter from Pastor and Mrs. Schroeder asking to transfer membership to Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown.

There were no new voting members.

Pastor Ewert was in attendance to present the list of candidates for our call for a second pastor. After the list of candidates was read, there was a motion to accept the list of candidates. Motion carried. After all discussion was completed and votes taken, there was a motion made and seconded to have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Pastor Daniel Schmidt, currently in St. Clair, MN. Motion carried. There was then a motion made and seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

The following individuals were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2008; Bob Peregrine, Jason Cox, Grover Zwieg, Ralph Schmidt, Sr., David Schmeling, and Ralph Schmidt, Jr.

Business Administrator:

George presented his report to the congregation, which is attached to these minutes.

Unfinished Business:

The 2006 audit has not done yet. Committee chairs for 2006 and 2007 have been chosen and the report will be ready for the April meeting.

New Business:

Bielinski Builders and Excel Engineering contacted George regarding having meetings with them to continue discussions about site plans and cooperative efforts between all parties. Bielinski is planning on beginning site planning and development work late this year and next and start building in 2010. The Council recommends continuing discussions with Bielinski so that we can co-ordinate efforts with them. Excel has stated that they would be more than happy to represent us with Bielinski as they have in the past. No dollar figures are available at this time, but the council feels we should continue these discussions. There was a motion made and seconded that we continue meeting with Bielinski and Excel to co-ordinate development of land on Hwy P. Motion carried.

Reports:

Financial Secretary:

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Scott has been in discussion with the bank to increase our line-of-credit from the present \$100,000 to the congregation approved \$150,000. Scott was told that the bank would need to have a real estate security agreement encumbering our property as collateral. This is not going to happen. If it proves necessary to increase our line-of-credit in the future, we may look into changing banks. There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Education:

The Board and faculty are working on school accreditation through the synod. This is a two-year program.

Board of Elders:

The Board is in the process of finalizing the materials to used by the sub-elders for their visits.

Board of Outreach:

The Board continues working with a graphic designer in developing a logo for the church and school.

They are also working on gathering the contact information on people who have visited St. Matthew's and have either Dennis Fletcher or a group of volunteers contact them and thank them for visiting St. Matthew's.

Board of Stewardship:

Each Board member has been assigned a project, i.e. member communication, finance committee, fellowship committee, and new member assimilation.

Board of Trustees:

The Board has started to update their project list. They would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped the board over the last year. They will be putting the sign back up out on Hwy P in the spring.

A rather significant water leak has developed in the old trustee area in the back of church. Stu Schramm has been working on fixing the damage and temporarily fix the leak.

Officers:

The Long-Range Planning Committee ready and moving forward and we should start seeing reports from them shortly.

Synod Communicator:

Everyone was encouraged to read about current events at the Synod website.

Memorial Trust Fund:

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Lakeside Delegate:

No report.

Pastors:

Pastor summarized his written report, which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Ziel:

Mr. Ziel had a prior commitment and was unable to attend.

Staff Minister:

The church newsletter is now fully electronic. Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter via e-mail should make sure the office has his or her current e-mail address. Hard copies are still available if wanted.

Sunday School is averaging about 49 students per week. They had a Christmas program and will have another special service this spring.

January 31st will be the first meeting for the summer VBS/soccer camp. Registration will start in February.

Another blood drive will be held this coming Saturday in the school gym.

Business Administrator:

See the report included in the agenda package.

The meeting was adjourned with a hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rik Krahn, Secretary

