

Meeting called to order at 7.07pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Richard Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Mary Lou Peter, Charlotte Mehrtens, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

**BCE report:** Pastor presented on behalf of the Board. They have been preparing for the September 12 Rally Day. Both Sunday School and worship service will have to be at the Church building on Rally Day because the park is in use by Trinity Lutheran that day. All curriculum for the Sunday School classes is distributed in the rooms already. This year we have one 3rd grader receiving a Bible and one 7th grader starting Confirmation. The Board has decided on the year's theme as being Sing to the Lord, which will incorporate music and Bible passages as they are used in songs.

**Treasurer's report:** As there was nothing major to inform Council of, Pam asked for comments or questions on the presented reports; Pastor noted the fact that at the end of July, the Church was actually in the black, and that was in spite of some larger bills that had had to be paid.

Richard informed Council that the transfer of money to balance the General and Money Market accounts as approved last month had not yet occurred but will do so in August.

Pam has started spreadsheets for the Homecoming Picnic stand and the BBQ in order to have a clear accounting of expenses versus earnings. This is something she plans to do for all our future fundraisers, i.e. Wurstmarkt. Council noted appreciation of this effort.

Earl asked about where costs for the Hecke property go and Richard said they should go toward general maintenance. There is no separate fund for the Hecke property and since very little work should have to be done at the property, there is no reason to start its own fund.

Charlotte informed Pam and Council that Sisters of Faith will likely pay for the inflatable rented for Vacation Bible School. The SoF has paid for it in the past and a decision will be made at the next executive meeting.

Pam has been working on fliers for upcoming events and received clarification that there will be no fall Jam in the Park to prepare fliers for and that the BBQ will be on September 18 from 11-3 unless sold out.

Kathi motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the July Council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Richard motioned to accept the minutes; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report:** With the organizational leadership of Pat Morris, Pastor had started leading Bible studies again for the Millstadt Senior Center and Garden Place is continuing with Bible studies and once monthly service led by Pastor; Pastor Ill of Trinity Lutheran also does a once monthly service on a separate week.

Ken and Dara Allen have started doing a virtual Zoom hymn sing along for the area nursing homes and Patti French, Rhonda Jenkins and Pastor have all been recruited to help. The Zoom sessions are also recorded and made available for the people who are unable to watch them live.

Pastor has two more Sunday trips in the months of August and September; Gary Franke will be leading service August 15 and Pastor will be checking with Gary to also cover September 5.

Richard motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Audit & Budget:** Richard said the mid-year audit went well and he will have a written report for Council next month. Bill Albert, Nancy Glaeser and Shannon Weaver served on the committee. In short, there was a strong focus on the processes surrounding the finances of the Church and the committee was happy with how Pam is handling things.

**Long Range Ministry:** Stacy referred to the upcoming Millstadt Homecoming stand and the need for more volunteers. She will be reaching out to some of the Belleville West clubs that have provided volunteers in the past (Key Club, NHS) to try to fill some of the gaps but there need to be enough adults on each shift to supervise and do the tasks that youth cannot do, such as the frying. Charlotte is working with Les Merhtens on the supply ordering. Council made the pricing decision to sell funnel cakes for \$6 and corn dogs for \$3; Stacy will get the signs out of storage and make any necessary new ones. Kathi has talked to Dave Woehlke and he will be in charge of the money for the weekend. ZTeam will discuss the Saturday setup time on Tuesday.

**Mission & Outreach:** Mary Lou has been pleased with the reported gifts for Missions.

**Staff/Parish Relations:** Kim was not present and nothing to address in her absence.

**Property:** Earl reported that the Hecke property garage doors have been painted, Jodi Stumpf planted new flowers around the sign in front of Church, and the Freivogel Cemetery is looking good. Rocking of the cemetery drive is still to come. Also, Richard and Mike German did some work to get the bells ringing again; apparently the clapper had simply gotten stuck.

**Volunteer Ministries:** Kathi is still working on recruiting for next year's Council; anyone who has been inspired to serve should seek her out.

**Worship & Music:** Dale had nothing to cover but Earl did mention that although Jam in the Park will not happen this fall, they will be doing the Polka Sunday service in October.

**Cemetery Board:** Charlotte reiterated that the cemetery is looking good and that some more of the headstones have been reset.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to address.

**New Business:** Richard pointed out that the budget needs to happen in September so it can go into the October visitor for the November Congregational meeting. Dale will work on putting the committee together.

Stacy motioned to adjourn; Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke