

Meeting called to order at 7.11pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Richard Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Mary Lou Peter, Charlotte Mehrrens, Kim Mueller, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

BCE report: Pastor didn't have anything to report on behalf of the board, but did share that all Sunday School teachers were present for Rally Day Sunday and 18 kids attended.

Treasurer's report: As there was nothing major to inform Council of, Pam asked for comments or questions on the presented reports; none were presented. Kathi motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

Additional financial & administrative matters: Pam had been in communication with Jeff at Edward Jones; he suggested that the Money Market account, which includes money from 2 or 3 matured CDs, should be converted to a 1 year CD at slightly more interest than the Money Market. Richard pointed out that the Money Market has the interest earned from the In Loving Trust and the church uses that interest every year for special projects and purchases. Stacy motioned that Pam should work with Jeff to figure out how much of the Money Market account is from matured CDs and take those monies only and put them in a 1 year CD, leaving the rest in the Money Market account; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Pam also notified Council that she has been selected for jury duty the week of October 18 - October 22 and if she has to report, we'll need to make alternate arrangements for the Monday bank drop, bulletin and Visitor during that week.

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

Pastor's report: Pastor reiterated a good start to the Sunday School year and that the theme is "Sing to the Lord." Preschool is also off to a good start. The first day was September 8 and the class is full with 18 students. He continues to facilitate Bible studies at the Senior Center and Millstadt Garden Place; there is also a prayer group Wednesday mornings and Bible study Wednesday evenings at church.

Pastor has one more vacation on the calendar but they won't be leaving until after service on September 26.

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

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Richard shared the actual report from the mid-year audit committee, including some suggestions made around keeping less money in the checking and Money Market accounts as a financial security measure.

Richard also reminded Council that the budget proposal needs to be done so that it can be reviewed at the October Council meeting in preparation for the Fall Congregational Meeting in November. Dale will take care of putting the budget committee together.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy opened discussion on the Millstadt Homecoming stand. Pam was very helpful in providing a detailed report of expenses and earnings to show a clear financial picture of how the stand performed. The profit of over \$3600 is very good; Charlotte noted that Sunday was so busy they had to buy more funnel cake mix and Patti French had to run to the store for more hot dogs. The three volunteers from Belleville West were very hard workers and their presence was appreciated. Council thinks strong consideration should be given to running the stand again next year, with the knowledge that the effort to recruit volunteers needs to start earlier. Charlotte said she will possibly shop around for better pricing on the dry mixes and made special mention that the funnel cake plates need to be stronger.

Stacy also pointed out that the Wurstmarkt is quickly approaching and after short discussion Council agreed that last year's went well enough that Church should proceed with having it again this year. It will remain carry-out only, same menu and pickup hours as last year, and we'll need to work with Pam to get out some advertising. It was also discussed that the price should be increased to \$12 to keep with increased food costs.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou continues to be happy with the generosity to the Missions; next meeting is Tuesday, September 14.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim had nothing to report.

Property: Earl noted that the ZTeam is continuing to straighten stones at the cemetery.

Earl also proposed work at the park bridge, converting the rock walkway between the parking lot and bridge to a concrete walkway instead. This is in an effort to make access and use of the bridge safer and easier. He said he will be able to get some of the supplies donated and estimated the total cost wouldn't be more than \$1000. Depending on weather, the work should be able to be done in October. Bob motioned to use up to \$1000 of the Future Park Projects Fund to cover the cost and proceed with the work; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi has identified one candidate Council member for next year and has a couple more people lined up to ask.

Worship & Music: Dale had nothing to cover but Earl announced that the Waterloo Garden Place had reached out and the Kitchen Band will be making a trip there to perform.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte is really pleased with how Andrew Taake takes care of the lawn.

Richard shared that Bill Albert is suggesting a modification to the plot map to account for some changes to the cemetery layout.

Old Business: There was no old business to address.

New Business: There was no new business to address.

Kathi motioned to adjourn; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke