

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CRESTON, IOWA**

Voters' Minutes

January 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Gene Cook.

There were thirty-three members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 17, 2010 were distributed.

It was moved by Jim Nelson and seconded by Randy Roghair to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor is conducting Bible Class and Divine Service in Mt Ayr, at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively on Sunday evenings. Their Bible Class has been studying "The Church." Our Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9, when we will celebrate Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. The theme for Lenten services will be based on the Hymn "God's own child, I gladly say it."

Elders: Jim Nelson reported that the Elders and Pastor are studying the book *Lutheranism 101*.

Education: Julie Lang reported the Board of Education will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Youth: Waunita Watt reported on the activities of the Jr Youth Group. There have been 13 in attendance at meetings.

Missions: No Report.

Preschool: Both classes are full at 20 students. They have waiting lists. The Preschool needs more board members.

Stewardship: No report.

Treasurer: Tom Braymen presented the 2010 year end financial report. Total income was \$134,402.41. Total expense was \$136,518.15, resulting in an operating deficit of \$2,117.74. Cash and investments on hand were \$139,140.01.

It was moved by Jim Nelson and seconded by Phil Wardenburg to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Financial Secretary: Kevin Kruse reported the 2010 financial contributions reports have been completed and placed in members' mailboxes. Finance teams have been set up and approved for 2011.

Trustees: Byron Bilderback reported that a bid in the amount of \$5573.00 has been received for Fellowship Hall window replacement. A motion to accept the bid was made by Charlie Bowman and seconded by Randy Roghair. A motion was made by Jim Nelson to amend the main motion to add the words "to be paid by using the money from our ISSB savings account, and the balance to come from the checking account." The motion was seconded by Janette Lang. The amendment was approved unanimously. The motion as amended was approved unanimously. Byron Bilderback reported installation of the new preschool door, which meets current fire code requirements. Byron has ordered a new blower motor for one of the sanctuary furnaces, The Trustees plan to inspect the steeple as soon as weather permits. They suspect extensive water damage, which, if correct, will require removal of the steeple.

Worship/Altar: Janette Lang reported that the Christmas Greens, etc were removed on Sunday, January 9, 2011, and thanked everyone who helped with this project. It was noted that some of the chrismons are in need of repair. Janette moved the purchase a new Flagon to be used for Holy Communion to be funded as follows: \$1008.00 to be from the Kelley Brown Memorial fund, \$400 to be from the 2011 Worship/Altar Committee budget and the remaining estimated \$200.00 to be from member donations. The motion was seconded by Phil Wardenburg. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Changes: There were no membership changes.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Charlie Bowman, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented four options in response to address the perceived need for additional Narthex space, an elevator and an upstairs bathroom. The Voter's had asked for the Planning Committee early last year.

- Option 1: Do nothing.
- Option 2: Remodel the Narthex to provide a handicapped accessible restroom, additional fellowship space and relocate the Pastor's office. Estimated cost \$50,000.00.
- Option 3: Remodel the Narthex to provide a handicapped accessible restroom, additional fellowship space, relocate the Pastor's office and provide an elevator between the upper and lower levels. Estimated cost will be \$150, 000.00.

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Option 4: Move the Worship Center (Nave and Sanctuary) to the Fellowship Hall. Do nothing to the main building. Estimated cost will be \$60,000.00 to \$68,000.00.

By general consensus it was decided to have the Planning Committee further develop plans and cost estimates for all of the proposals and distribute them prior to the April Voter's Meeting.

In Other New Business: Jim Nelson moved to increase the 2011 budget for "Orphans LCMS-WRHC" to \$1,600.00. The motion was seconded by Randy Roghair. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lang
Secretary