

ST. ANSGAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2015

The council meeting was called to order by President Chris Beckman at 5:30 pm. Bob Reiter is responsible for Sunday lockup and Susan Logan is responsible for Monday lockup for the month of August. Susan Logan is responsible for the September Visitor "Reflections" article. Devotions were read by Pastor Alan Schulz.

Approval of July Council Minutes - Bob Reiter made a motion to approve the July Council Minutes. Betty Spence seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Approval of July Treasurer's Report - Alice Ward made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Cindie Shepard seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Property - (1) The downstairs urinal is not working properly. Custodian, Roy Trenkamp, wanted to know if he should go ahead and fix it. After discussion it was decided Jared Leonard would look at it and give his evaluation at the next council meeting. (2) Bob Reiter reported that the side door light was broken. He volunteered to replace the light plus add a cover to protect it. He said it would have a photo cell on it and be lit up at night. A motion was made by Alice Ward to have Bob go ahead and fix the light and add the cover. Betty Spence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stewardship - Nothing to report.

Education - Nothing to report.

WELCA - (1) Betty Spence reported that WELCA furnished pizza the last night of the event for the Vacation Bible School children.

Men's Group - Nothing to report.

Worship - Nothing to report.

Youth - (1) Vacation Bible School Attendance - Linda Held sent in the following report: There was forty children for three nights. We were well staffed and the students were engaged. Fun was had by all. (2) Several members of the council and congregation helped with the event.

Social Ministries - (1) Betty Spence reported that volunteers were needed to help distribute items collected for various agencies. It was suggested that Betty say something at Sunday worship and ask for volunteers.

Outreach - Chris Beckman suggested that we have a neighborhood gathering in the church parking lot with hot dogs and other food. Flyers would be sent out to the surrounding neighborhood inviting them to come and join us. Perhaps this event would encourage some people to want to come and worship at St. Ansgar and possibly join the church. It was discussed that perhaps the food would be donated by church members. Chris will discuss more of the plans at next month's meeting.

Pastor's Report - (1) See attachment of Pastor's Report. (2) Pastor Schulz also reported there will be changes to the Sanctuary revolving about placement of the Baptismal Candle and Lectern.

New Business - (1) It was discussed that more Cottage meetings were needed to both inform and get feed-back from the congregation. (2) Pastor Alan Schultz asked that his Housing Allowance be revised. The total compensation amount would stay the same. Jared Leonard made a motion that the Allowance be revised. Betty Spence seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Old Business - It was decided that additional discussion about church room rentals would be tabled until a later date.

Close - Susan Logan moved to adjourn the meeting. Rosie Bruns seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

***Linda Held was excused from the meeting.

Respectively Submitted by Donna Eisenbacher, Church Secretary

INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT
11 August 2015

The hottest topic this month is what we are going to do on 9/13. I have been looking for a service project and can't find one.

The traditional and alternative services will see some changes in September. These will be changes in content. The Monday night service will see changes in content and format. Another matter is about widening the leadership circle. The church council is currently constructed to be a committee of the whole. When was the last time there were functional committees? I am suggesting that the council identify people to be in groups that will start to talk about various matters in the congregation like worship, stewardship, and outreach. They are meant to be a resource for the council. They are not making decisions. They will be talking about what we are trying to do and why we are doing it in light of what the congregation's long-term goals are.

Last month there was a meeting at Trinity. I learned after the fact that there are two different groups of meetings happening at Trinity. One group is to talk about possibilities of forming some kind of geographical parish in Waterloo. The other group was to talk about sharing pastoral resources. The meeting in July was about the latter group. It appears that Trinity is searching for a half-time pastor and is looking for a way to "share" with other congregations who have less than full-time pastors.

I attended the Worship Jubilee in Atlanta. The days started and ended with worship services. In between were lectures and workshops. The general topic was how does a church rooted in the Reformation remain true to its roots in light of its calling and mission?

CALENDAR: I will be out of town the weekend of 10/4. I will be attending the synod's Fall Leadership Event on 9/12. I am the facilitator of the Companion Synod—Hungary network. The Fall Conference meeting is in Dubuque 10/11-13.

CONTRACT INFORMATION

As of July 31 21% of annual contract is completed

Used	Remaining	
0	28	Vacation Days
8	6	Continuing Education Days
\$ 0	\$ 900	Continuing Education Funds
\$ 0	\$ 700	Professional Expenses