Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch Jan Tresch

Paul Rossmann John Kirt Christy Zygowski

Diane Borgardt Randy Laehr

Dawn Jacobson Mary Ann Mantey

**Absent:** Janice Navarro and Kari Weber

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The November meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Special Topics:**

* Finance Committee presented the 2013 proposed budget. Finance committee will send out a form for budget requests to the committees by September 2013 and the forms will need to be submitted back to them by end of October. The Council thanked the Finance committee for the good work in the preparation of the budget. Budget was approved as presented by the Finance Committee.
* 2013 Housing Allowance for Pastor was approved for $26,000.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Attendance at Advent services have been good. Pastor is having eye surgery at the beginning of January. Please pray for the Navarro family as they deal with difficult health issues in the family.

***AIM Report:*** 65 attended the “Search for Christmas” program and it was very well received.

***Vice-President Report:*** None

***Treasurer’s Report:*** None

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** None

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** Working on bids for the lights in the church. There is a donor that might be willing to donate towards this effort.

***Deacons (Mary Ann Mantey):*** Concern was raised by Deacons that membership list is not up to date. For example, anniversaries for those divorced, etc. Pastor will discuss this at the next staff meeting. Suggestion is to put an announcement in the Spirit to for those who have changes to call the office with the needed changes.

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** All very positive comments on the Christmas Program.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** Planning for February Abelskiever breakfast is underway.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Consider a once a month presentation to the congregation on stewardship. This could be a temple talk, bulletin. Stewardship is a life style (like tipping at a restaurant). Also, for the new member folder was wondering if procedures for Baptism and Confirmation and who to meet with for these. Also, Stewardship proposed putting this information on the website. Council approved all these proposals. Luanne requested a summary of the overview of their new process.

***Church in Society (Christy Zygowski):*** None

***Youth (Jan Tresch):*** YAHOO not be going to Haiti and are considering another less dangerous location such as Costa Rica. Cookie Walk a bit over $420 and $1,200 from homeless night which will go toward service during their trip.

**Old Business:**

* Luanne asked for volunteers to take minutes while Dawn is not able to attend the Council meetings. Diane offered to do January, Mary Anne for February and Jan for March. Thanks ladies for offering to help on this important task.
* Luanne thanked the Council for the wonderful efforts that were made by the Council in 2012 and for working well together throughout the year.

**New Business:** None

**Closing Prayer:**  Pastor Barsch

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Closing Prayer: Diane Borgardt**