Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch Mary Ann Mantey

Diane Borgardt Janice Navarro Jan Tresch

Dawn Jacobson Randy Laehr Christy Zygowski

**Absent:**

Paul Rossmann John Kirt Kari Weber

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

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

**Special Considerations:**

* **Finance Committee Quarterly presentation:**

John Hewitt and Dawn Jacobson presented the financial status through June as well the recommendation for the information to go into the weekly announcements and the Spirit. A suggestion was made that this financial information should not be included in the Spirit, the announcements, or presented during the church services. Instead this should be included in a mailing with the quarterly statement. Dawn will let Cheryl know that we should do this with the quarterly statements for June. At the annual meeting it needs to be discussed if we continue presenting openly at the church of the financial situation considering that guests may be there. Given the commitment that was made to the congregation, Luanne feels we need to include the summary document in the June statement as well as present at the church services as promised for this year. She agreed that leaving it out of the Spirit and Announcements, as suggested, would be best for now. It was agreed that Finance should follow Luanne’s recommendation. The Finance report and presentation was accepted.

* **Stewardship presentation:**

The Stewardship plan was presented by Randy Laehr. They will focus on getting everyone involved, all ages. Rev. Sandy Chrostowski , Assistant to the Bishop, has agreed to speak between services on 10/21/12. Luanne suggests strong advertising and encourage congregation to attend her Stewardship presentation. They are also planning three letters to the congregation and three temple talks. November 11, 2012 will be Stewardship Sunday. Council voted and approved as stated.

Prospective new member information packets were handed out for review. Each liaison should bring a packet to their committee so that they can review and make changes. As this is needed this for the new member classes starting on 10/15/12, all recommended changes need to be given to Randy Laehr or the Stewardship committee by Sept. 17th (September Council Meeting).

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Pastor will be at the Luther Seminar for the Stewardship program next week. It has also been determined that adding another website is too expensive for this year however the youth that are going to New Orleans will be able to post videos of their trip on our current website.

***AIM Report:*** They are currently planning for Fall. Third World Handcraft show will be postponed until next year (was scheduled for Stewardship Sunday).

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

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Covered in the financial presentation

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** Covered in the financial presentation.

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** None.

***Deacons (Mary Ann Mantey):*** Reminder of outdoor services responsibilities.

***Parish Ed (Kari Weber):*** None.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** None.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Covered in the presentation.

***Church in Society (Christy Zygowski):*** Space issue with the parenting class. From November 4th on the room is confirmed but they would like to do more as there is a demand for the program. Green team is looking into signs for those trees without. HALO project just finished. It was a huge project but turned out very well. HALO, those living there as well as those who work there, were overwhelmed by the work and the fantastic results.

***Youth (Diane Borgardt):*** No meeting due preparation for the New Orleans Trip this week.

**Old Business:**

* Anniversary discussion: Council discussed this topic.

**New Business:**

* Narthex Solicitation Concerns: Issues were discussed. It was suggested that a policy needs to be developed. It was also discussed that this issue is a potential fire hazard. Each liaison should mention the concerns with their committee and see what suggestions or ideas are generated. More focus will need to be taken on this topic once feedback is received from each of the committees.
* With regards to the budget and finances, all committees need to look at their expenses to understand if there are things that could be cut or reduced.

**Closing Prayer:**  Janice Navarro

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. and spouses are invited.**

**Closing Prayer: Dawn Jacobson**