Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch Randy Laehr

Diane Borgardt Janice Navarro Kari Weber

Dawn Jacobson John Kirt Christy Zygowski

**Absent:** Paul Rossmann Mary Ann Mantey Jan Tresch

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

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

**Special Topics:**

* **Finance Committee Quarterly update:** John Hewitt, Dawn Jacobson, Tammy Rosenberg and Mary Hauch attended. Finance asked Council Liaisons to go back to their committees and explain that those that have over spent their budget should not spend any more money this year. In addition liaisons should request committees to submit priorities and special requests for next year to the Finance committee in November (the earlier the better). Please submit these to Dawn Jacobson (dmjacobs@scj.com). The Finance Committee will begin working on the budget for next year in November. Budgets will be determined by needs/requirements and within the estimated income. They will not be cut as a result of reduced spending this year to manage the year. The Finance committee will continue to watch the finances closely as we near the end of the year. The decision to pay the line of credit needs to be made by the end of November. The facilities and the building need to be a priority.
* **Nominating Committee Discussion:** Mary Hauch presented the list of committee members and dates for ended terms. She plans to confirm all days and commitment for those entering their second term. She will list all the open positions at services with the goal to have all the nominees by end of December to be included in the Spirit prior to the annual meeting.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Pastor Laverne Nielsen passed away this week. Please keep the family in your prayers. We will be adding an Advent Service during the daytime for those not wishing to attend evening services.

***AIM Report:*** Janice will be attending an AIM retreat Nov 5-7. Janice will also be leading a new program the last Wednesday of November called “The true meaning of Christmas”. Janice continues to have computer issues and our technical support has tried to unsuccessfully to fix them. Her computer is between 6 and 7 years old and therefore Terry Koechell will be looking at replacement.

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

***Treasurer’s Report:*** None

**Committee Reports:**

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

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** Lights on the roof (2 bulbs with labor) is estimated to be $600. Sunday school is looking for one person to be in charge to oversee the garage. New blinds and drapes in the class rooms are needed. Mia is looking at options. Trustees would like approval for a new approach to the time and talent put up a board to list all the churches resources. Who will review and control the board, need someone to monitor. John will take this back to the Trustees and get more answers. Phone system has no resolution with AT&T. AT&T will try to help. Thrivent has a new procedure called Choice Dollars that we need to better understand. Mike Christofferson will be asked to present the details of the new program. Trustees are trying to arrange a fall clean up and are considering having an “adopt a section” of the plot (weeding, feeding, etc.). In addition the band awning used in summer (gray awning) needs to be replaced. They will come to the board with an estimate.

***Deacons (Mary Ann Mantey):*** None

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** Reviewed the meeting notes.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** Movie night is this Saturday night.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Stewardship drive kick off is this week. Specifics are included in the notes that were passed out to the Council members.

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

***Youth (Jan Tresch):*** None

**Old Business:**

* Long range planning discussion: Preparation for the long range planning meeting is being developed.
* Narthex Solicitation plan update: This plan will be developed this week.
* New Garage update: We have received bids from 4 companies. The Executive committee reviewed the bits and selected JW & Sons. Work is expected to start in the next 2-3 weeks (sooner if possible).

**New Business:** None

**Closing Prayer:**  John Kirt

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Closing Prayer: Luanne Riedel**