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

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch Mary Ann Mantey

Paul Rossmann Janice Navarro Jan Tresch

Diane Borgardt John Kirt Kari Weber

Dawn Jacobson Randy Laehr Christy Zygowski

**Absent:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

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

**Special Considerations:**

* **Trustee Committee special presentation:** Trustees plan to attend the October meeting.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** We have a custodial staff change as Paul has resigned as of Friday after 8 years of service. A gift will be presented to him from the church. Dr. Miritz was very appreciative of the recognition and gift from the church for his many years of service. Pastor attended a stewardship convention earlier this year and based on that and our needs in the church he recommends that we hire a company to help us run a capital campaign. The campaigns generally focus on three “legs”:

1. increase the regular giving
2. provide for the capital requirements of the building that we decide on.
3. and provide for a special gift to help others in the community

We can decide how and what we want our 3 year capital campaign to include. Pastor will have them come in to talk with us about some proposals.

***AIM Report:*** Confirmation is very large this year with 28 children verses 16-18 children previously. It is off to a very strong start and they have included a focus on scheduling and commitment of the acolytes.

***Vice-President Report:*** Nothing new at this time.

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Giving is up a bit from August and expenses are down a bit also.

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** Tammy will do the quarter communication meeting next week at all services except Saturday night. Budgeting for the coming year will begin soon.

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** Trustees have been researching security systems. Also they are aware of the trouble the staff is having with the current voicemail system (they cannot transfer calls into voicemail that come in from outside the church). They are looking into a mobile voice secretary as a possible option to help the situation. There was also discussion regarding the new garage at the last meeting. And finally Terry has mention that two roof lights are out and he will be getting an estimate the replacement.

***Deacons (Mary Ann Mantey):*** The nursery worker has recently resigned. While she was willing to stay in the position but she wanted someone else to rotate with her so she can attend church. Deacons are looking into having confirmation students do the nursery position as a rotation each week but are wondering about back ground check requirements. Also they are wondering if there is still a need for a nursery staff or make this into more of a ‘crying room’? They are looking into how many children currently in this age group. Council made a suggestion that previously parents rotated and this might be an option if there are not too many children. Deacons will develop a recommendation on how to proceed with this position.

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** Sunday school has started and they are monitoring their budget carefully.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** They have not had a meeting recently. Picnic was a great success. Only thing right now that they are working on is a movie night on Oct 20th. Also the new member course starts on November 4th.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** November 11th is Family Stewardship Sunday. Speakers will be at each of the next three proceeding Sunday’s. Tony and Tania Baumgardt will be our campaign leads. A logo and theme has been selected which is “Reflecting Grace in Giving”. They will have giving cards, bookmarks, etc. with the logo. They are completely focused on the campaign at this time.

***Church in Society (Christy Zygowski):*** They have received approval from city and from Mt. Pleasant but need still need the neighbor approval for their prairie grass area plan.

***Youth (Diane Borgardt):*** The Yahoo group went to a church up North this past weekend to do a group event with the church on Saturday and then participated in the church service. It was very successful and the kids did a very nice job. They are hoping to do more events like this at other churches.

**Old Business:**

* Long range planning discussion: The long range planning meeting should discuss and develop plans and action items with members willing to lead (or co-lead) each action item.
* Narthex Solicitation Concerns: Pastor offered to call other Pastors to understand what they do for this situation. Pastor, Jan, and Paul will develop the policy and procedures for review and implementation.

**New Business:**

* New Garage Project: Pastor talked with Tom Beard and Terry Koechell regarding the new garage project and Pastor also attended the Trustee meeting last week to discuss with the plans and status with the entire Trustee committee. The estimates that the Trustee’s had received was too high for the budget. Since the Trustee meeting, Pastor has contacted two contractors that will provide bids this week and is meeting with another this week. The bid requests were for same size building and same slab (if the current slab is still in good shape). Also, extra storage and other concerns the Trustee’s had included were expressed for the bid. Pastor requested the approval for the executive committee to review and approve the garage plans when received so this can move forward quickly. This motion was made and approved with no one opposing.

**Closing Prayer:**  Randy Laehr

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary 

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

**Closing Prayer: John Kirt**