Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Paul Rossmann Pastor Barsch Randy Laehr

Dawn Jacobson Lynette Jacobson Mary Ann Mantey

Diane Borgardt John Kirt

**Absent:** Luanne Riedel, Janice Navarro, Mary Ann Mantey, and Kari Weber

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

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

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Confirmation students recently had their retreat to Carthage College. Rally Sunday is set for September 8th and will be tied together with Stewardship – Time and Talent program. September 17th will be the start of a new bible study program.

***AIM Report:*** None.

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

***Treasurer’s Report:*** None.

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** Three revised reports were developed for budgeting. The Finance Committee will determine if there is additional information needed. They will review the Facility Fund and the Line of Credit closer to the end of the year.

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** Trustees are looking at the counting procedure and forms. Tony will head up an approach for using the scrip cards for assisting in funding Trustee projects.

***Deacons (Lynette Jacobson):*** Deacons discussed RACI and how it is working. They want to insure that it is included in the time and talents. Deacons are done updating the council booklet for roles and responsibilities.

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** None

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** Membership would like approval to use the email addresses available to be utilized for surveys . This was discussed and Council liked the idea of using emails for this type of communication. This was approved.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Campaign is being worked on and they will asking YAHOO and Sunday school program to be involved. Publicity will go into the Spirit and Stewardship Sunday will be Nov 10th. They are developing a plan to insure a organized follow-up is completed (review the goals and achievements) of the campaign. Time and Talent survey is moving along. Posters for each committee will be available for Rally Sunday for the congregation to learn about the committees. A member from each committee should be available to stand by their committee poster and answer any questions (between 9:00-10:00am and then after 11:00am service for about 20 minutes). **Everyone should discuss this with their committees.**

***Church in Society (Mary Ann Mantey):*** Continuing with participating with the Hospitality Sunday. They are considering a Chapel area in the preserve but are just in the beginning stages for this. The group is open to suggestions regarding a Chapel. Council suggested having a Sunday (possibly Rally Sunday) to have the congregation to walk out to the preservation between services.

***Youth (TBD):*** Yahoo continues to raise money for their mission trip.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

* Anyone interest in being assistant worship deacon, please contact Cori or Jim Ludwin.
* Pastor’s Retirement plans – update by Dawn Jacobson

**Closing Prayer:**  Dawn Jacobson

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **Closing Prayer: Randy Laehr**