Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch

Paul Rossmann Janice Navarro

Dawn Jacobson Lynette Jacobson

Diane Borgardt Mary Ann Mantey

**Absent:** Janice Navarro

**Opening Prayer:** John Kirt, Randy Laehr, and Kari Weber

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

**Special Topics:**

Trustees: Cathy Anderson and Tony Baumgardt: Allied asked for inspection of our facilities and had some concerns: Implement an emergency plan for when there are few to no people in the church and when there are many people in the church. Second thing, obtain motor vehicle record for those driving others in the others (including insurance). They are drafting for anything above 35 miles. This information for the vehicle record is on the website. Council felt that 50 miles would be more appropriate. Need to make people aware by putting this in the bulletin. Your personal insurance will take precedence first then over 50 miles the church needs the records. Who will have access to the records and who holds this information? Second requirement by the insurance company was to have key control. We have 43 keys to get into the building that is known. If there is a break in then those with the key will be the first questioned. Trustees will present at the January 26th Annual meeting. Final requirement was to install emergency lighting for $1,600. Motion was approved and passed to install the emergency lighting with Bohm Electric Company (1434 Ninth Street, Racine, WI 53403).

Others projects: Carpeting memorial is available. Boiler and heating system as well as the parking lot is the priorities. Terry Kochel is getting 4 bids for the heating system.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Thank you for the party. It was absolutely wonderful. My entire family was so impressed. The last service I will be doing is Christmas day.

***AIM Report:*** None

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

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Financial are looking a bit better than last month.

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** The Finance committee met several times but not everyone was comfortable with presenting the numbers without another review.

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** None (covered above)

***Deacons (Lynette Jacobson):*** Everything is in place for Christmas services.

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** Del and Kari are both rolling off this year. There is some money left in the Sunday School budget. They would like this for the wii-fi hot spots (it is within budget).

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

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Update at the services was positive.

***Church in Society (Mary Ann Mantey):*** No one expressed interest in taking the job to manage the two dinners that has no lead at end of the December. First Saturday of each month St Luke’s hospitality center (two leads Candy and Leif Peterson for this from LCR). Bell ringers for food bank last Sunday and this Sunday. Good Samaritan fund $800 remains, concern as to why this has not been used. Answer: It is carried over and used for the next year. This doesn’t happen often but this spend is based on need for the year.

***Youth (TBD):*** Fund raising for North Caroline trip in middle of July. They are trying to take as many students as possible.

**Old Business:**

1. MET and CALL Candidate nominations.
2. Open Council positions for 2014
3. Money from gas cards for Trustee use – Trustees do not have the manpower to support this.
4. Thank you –the Retirement Party Committee (Thank you note to RACY for next month)

**New Business:** None

**Closing Prayer:**  Diane Borgardt

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary 

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Closing Prayer: Janice Navarro**