Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Pastor Barsch

Paul Rossmann John Kirt

Diane Borgardt Randy Laehr

Dawn Jacobson Mary Ann Mantey

**Absent:** Lynette Jacobson, Janice Navarro, and Kari Weber

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Barsch

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** The March and April meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Special Topics:**

* Next Council meeting Pastor Chuck Brummond from the Synod will explain to the Council the process for calling a new Pastor.

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** Last week Pastor attended an annual conference for Senior Pastors. One key discussion at the conference was the trend in size of main line churches in America. If the trend continues, main line churches in America will be half the size 10 years from now. This includes congregation and pastors. It was also highlighted that this year our VBS will be focused on music and will be led by Dr. Jone’s vocal music teacher, Julie Vodicka. Everyone is encouraged to communicate this with congregation members as we try to increase participation.

***AIM Report:*** None – Janice is at an AIM conference this week.

***Vice-President Report:*** St Mary’s Hospital is re-initiating a grant for CPR training. Paul will provide the dates for the CPR training as soon as they are available. There will be a maximum of 25 people per session and will be either held at LCR or St Mary’s. Paul also presented a proposal to use specific Scrip cards as a building maintenance fundraising opportunity. The proposal was approved by Council. The next step is for Paul to take the proposal to the trustees for their approval.

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Contributions are continuing to trend down. Finance committee needs to present to the congregation again. Diane will follow up with Tammy Rosenberg.

**Committee Reports:**

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

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** The Trustees will be meeting with Cheryl to better understand their budget. A new canopy was donated and installed. All fire extinguishers need to be updated. Lighting and various other repairs are needed.

***Deacons (Lynette Jacobson):*** None

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** Teacher Appreciation and bulletin board was completed.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** The Membership Committee has been concentrating on the church picnic. Sales have been slower than expected to date. They are looking into opening up the Augusta street entrance to reduce the amount of walking required to attend the picnic.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Initial planning for the annual campaign has started. It was suggested that Rally Day be used for the Time & Talent sign-up. Randy will take this back to the committee for consideration and specific planning.

***Church in Society (Mary Ann Mantey):*** Church in Society are continuing to focus their work on the nature preserve. Mary noted that on September 29th, the lead for the “Family in Transition” program will speak at the 9 a.m. service and at the adult education hour. The Committee members are making small prayer boxes for the members to pray for guidance on our congregational involvement in this program. Church in Society also would like a separate account for money contributed toward this program. They have also suggested that it would be helpful to members if a list of all they donation opportunities supported by LCR are published in the bulletin or Spirit (including explanations). Pastor and Mary Ann will meet to discuss this further. The committee is also interested in an update on limiting the Sunday selling activities in the narthex. The policy is as follows: There is a maximum of 2 weeks to use the Narthex for each event. **Each liaison should remind their committees that the “Building Use” form must be completed and approved BEFORE anyone can sell any items in the Narthex**. This process is in place to help control the number of selling events in the Narthex on a Sunday. Forms are to be approved by Paul Rossman.

***Youth (Jan Tresch):*** The Yahoo auction was a success resulting in about $3,000 which the group will use towards their mission trip to Costa Rica planned for Winter break. It was discussed that the Congregation has requested more information about Yahoo. This should include who they are, what they are planning, etc so that members can support this new group better. Paul will bring this back to the Yahoo group. Luanne announced that Jan Tresch has resigned from Council. A replacement is needed for June-December of this year and then the Congregation would vote to extend the term at the next Annual meeting. It is preferred that the Council members have experience with our church and/or a committee. Please email suggestions to Luanne.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Closing Prayer:**  Mary Ann Mantey

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary 

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Closing Prayer: Paul Rossmann**