Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:**

Luanne Riedel Janice Navarro Mary Ann Mantey

Paul Rossmann Lynette Jacobson Kari Weber

Dawn Jacobson John Kirt

Diane Borgardt Randy Laehr

**Absent:** Pastor Barsch

**Opening Prayer:** Janice Navarro

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

**Reports:**

***Pastor’s Report:*** None

***AIM Report:*** Adult forums going well this year with very good attendance as are the Brown Bag Bible Study sessions. The Rite of Confirmation will be this coming Sunday, October 27th. Janice expressed a very big thank you to Luanne and Jeff for teaching this course. For the new member sessions this time there is only one new member.

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

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Continue to be below

**Committee Reports:**

***Finance (Dawn Jacobson):*** Dawn distributed Budget Worksheets to be completed by the committees and returned to her no later than November 25th . Let Dawn know if you have any questions.

***Trustees (John Kirt):*** Dori has been instrumental in organizing and updating the kitchen as well as a procedure to keep the food in containers, etc. The issue is the accountability for use of the kitchen and clean-up afterwards. Kari’s husband will provide “check lists” that must be done when food has been involved. A fund will be created for future cleaning which will come from those who use the kitchen (both members and non-members). It was suggested that a service that WE Energies provides is to survey the grounds/building to identify where holes might be in the building. Scrip will buy a few new garbage cans. Rebecca will focus on the kitchen once a week as well and custodians will check the clean-up after events when they lock up. Trustees are thanked for taking on this issue and addressing it well. Rachel will discuss this issue with the teachers to understand how we can insure that the cleaning is identified for the rooms where food was during Sunday school. Everyone should discuss this issue of food usage and clean-up with each of their committees.

***Deacons (Lynette Jacobson):*** Upcoming holiday schedule is being planned to include coverage for the Christmas Eve services (2pm, 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm). Leah Krueger will be taking over the role of scheduling for Saturday night services. Jan Tresch is resigning from the over-head projection on Sundays. The Council, on behalf of the entire congregation, would like to express our thanks to Jan for all the many years of devoted service on Sundays. She will be dearly missed in this role. A few members have expressed interest in taking over this role. Consideration will be given to rotating this responsibility rather than only one person being responsible for all services every week.

***Parish Education (Kari Weber):*** Parish Ed plans to purchase a bush/tree for the nature area for in honor of Bailey McCollum.

***Membership (Paul Rossmann):*** Movie night went well.

***Stewardship (Randy Laehr):*** Financial campaign is going well and the speakers are all scheduled. Sunday school is working on a Thanksgiving Tree with handprints as leaves. Pledge mailings will be going out October 28th. Celebration Sunday is November 10th. Time and Talent campaign is underway and is being tied to the Financial Campaign.

***Church in Society (Mary Ann Mantey):*** Green Team would like to have bricks that would form a walkway in the nature area and are also considering a vegetable garden east of the garage. They plan to get the Sunday school and YAHOO involved in the care of the vegetable garden. Racine Cluster will have a meeting on October 17th. Duane is retiring from organizing the two meals at Our Savior’s and St Patrick’s Churches. Looking for someone to organize and lead this important service. St Luke’s Episcopal hospitality “First Saturday” of every month (8am – Noon) we need to supervise this program. “Family’s in Transition” collected $620 from the offering plus $500 from the bake sale. Friday November 8th will be a youth sleepover at Baton Field for fund raiser for HALO. A training session will be held on Sat Nov 2 in morning for COOL Congregations – purpose to identify people carbon footprint and see how this can be reduced in homes. Racine Coalition meeting will be 7pm Thursday October 17th at St Richard’s Church

***Youth (TBD):*** Last Wednesday was a prayer vigil for Bailey McCollum held by the youth. The Great America trip went well.

**Old Business:**

1. Kitchen clean-up status – covered above in the Deacons section.
2. Thank you notes for October – Discussed candidates for the recipients. Two thank you notes were agreed upon and Mary Ann will write the thank you notes.

**New Business:**

1. MET and CALL Candidate nominations. Nomination ballets where distributed for the council to start to think about the congregation members that would be best to represent our church on one of these committees. Send nominations to Dawn and she will consolidate the starter list.
2. Open Council positions for 2014. Contact Mary Hauch to suggest names for committee openings.
3. Budget Request Sheets for Committees – discussed above in the Finance Committee section.
4. November Bulletin Board – Randy will consider using the board for Stewardship.

**Closing Prayer:**  Lynette Jacobson

**Respectively submitted,**

***Dawn Jacobson***

Congregation Council Secretary 

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Closing Prayer: Luanne Riedel**