

Minutes for April 12, 2012

Present-Linda, Erica, Rick O., Wendy, Bev H. Joanne, Rev. Mike, Rev. Judy, Bev Pattison, Myril, Angela

Regrets-Rick M., Raymond, Jean

Rev. Mike opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

1. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Wendy and seconded by Joanne. Motion carried.
2. Approval of the minutes from the March 12th council meeting was motioned by Bev H. and seconded by Rev. Judy. Motion carried.
3. Ongoing business-It was decided by council that it is up to the Property Committee to decide where the money is to be spent from sale of the church furniture.

2. COUNCIL MINISTRIES REPORTS

- 2.1. Communication -No correspondence
- 2.2. Rectors Report- As circulated
- 2.3. Wardens Report- Regular meetings were held with the various committees and with Rev. Mike.

3. FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- 3.1. Treasurer's Report- As circulated
- 3.2. Ways and Means-Rick O. mentioned that Jean Schwartz volunteered to oversee the task of facilitating events.

The following items are up and coming fund raisers-

- a. April 21-Yard Sale (Ladies group)
- b. April 29- Soup Luncheon (Sunday School)
- c. May 12- Mother's Day Luncheon and plant sale (Joanne Hanley)
- d. Sept. 22-Corned beef & Cabbage supper with entertainment (Jean Schwartz)
- e. October 13- Oktoberfest (Ladies group)
- f. Nov. 1-Memorial Hymn Sing (Spiritual Development)
- g. Nov ? - Craft show (JoAnne Rector)

- h. Dec. 1- Turkey supper (Jean Schwartz)
- i. May ?-Pop can birthdays (Council)
- j. Dec. ? –Christmas sale for children (Bev Higgins)
- k. Feb. 2013 - Pancake supper (??)
- l. Country shows- last Sunday each month (Rev. Judy)

3.3. Property Committee-As circulated. At present there is \$ 5575.00 in the Renovation Fund. The spring yard cleanup will be April 21. Major items that were discussed at the March 28th meeting were as follows-New basement doors, new basement windows, wheel chair accessible doorway to the fellowship room, countertop and cupboards for coffee urns. With many other projects underway. The Property Committee wishes to thank the Sunday School teachers for offering to put on a soup luncheon after the April 29th service. The proceeds from which are to be donated to the Renovation fund.

4. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

4.1. Spiritual Development Report-Rev. Judy reported how pleased she was with the attendance to the Lenten Services. She felt it was due to switching the services from Thursday afternoons to Wednesday evenings. She was also pleased with the Quiet Day attendance. She is looking forward to the Titanic Memorial Service with luncheon. April 29th the Sunday School and the youth of the parish will be doing the service. Spiritual Development would like for Council to collect the money from the Christmas Angels campaign. All agreed.

4.2. Sunday School Report- Rev. Mike had not had a chance to meet with them, but the teacher's did say they are enjoying the new program very much. Wendy was wondering if we could order curriculum twice a year instead of 4 times a year. Rev. Judy feels the Sunday School teachers are wonderful, and they conduct themselves as good Christians should. Wendy feels we need to have a special 'Thank You' offered to the Sunday School teachers. This should happen at closing of the Sunday School in June. All agreed.

4.3. Choir Report- Rev. Mike read the choir report from Edith Steffens. The choir has 10 faithful members. They had 7 or 8 choir members attend each of the 5 funerals in the first 2 months of the year. All 10 choir members were present for the January 26th Ecumenical Service. Seven choir members attended the Quiet Day that was held March 31st. The choir is presently working on 3 hymns that would have been sung 100 years ago, in preparation for the Titanic Memorial Service. The organ was oiled in February. In regards to the previous loudness complaint of the organ, Edith explained in her report that the volume of the organ can be lowered by using the drawbars and using the expression pedal. Since the speakers are in the back of the church, it is necessary for the volume to be loud enough for the choir to hear. Council decided that the volume of the organ is OK and the matter will

be dropped.

4.4. Administration Committee Report- no report

5. PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH

5.1. Pastoral Care Report- Rick O. read the Pastoral care report from Connie Hudson. During March, the Pastoral Care Committee continued their regular activities to provide support to parishioners in the following ways-30 phone calls, 33 visits, and 6 cards sent.

5.2 Ladies Group Report- Wendy read her report. The pew markers will be ready for May. The Ladies group currently has \$784.82 in the bank. They made a motion that members of the Ladies group would not be charged for a funeral luncheon in the death of their spouse or minor child. It was carried. Their yard sale is April 21st from 9 am-12 noon. The Ladies group has decided to support the Marguerite center by sending some leftover yard sale items to them. They also passed a motion to give the Marguerite center a \$100 cheque each spring. They will also contribute a Christmas basket of items. The Ladies group will no longer support the Diocesan ACW Project. The final decisions have been made to the Oktoberfest Supper. The charge will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12 years, and less than 5 years will be free. At the completion of Wendy's report a strong discussion came up in regards to who pays for the funeral luncheons put on by the Ladies group. It was decided that this discussion needed to be revisited and reversed by the Ladies group.

5.3. Outreach Report-No report

6. STEWARDSHIP- No Report

7. CLERICUS-REGIONAL COUNCIL-DIOCESAN SYNOD OR OFFICE

7.1. New or Special Business- A \$900.00 cheque to the Clergy Conference is required for Rev. Mike, Marilyn and Rev. Judy to attend. Rev. Judy would like to make a motion to only pay for the Rector to go. This topic will be taken to the Regional Council meeting for further discussion.

8. OUTSTANDING OR NEW BUSINESS

8.1. As previously mentioned above, Jean Schwartz volunteered for the facilitator position for the Ways and means projects.

8.2. St. Luke's update- The survey is complete and a report is due soon from the surveyor in regards to the best way to portray the property for sale in the marketplace.

8.3. Joanne will call St. John Ambulance for information about St. Andrew's hosting a first aid course.

8.4. Due to privacy concerns it was decided to wait until after the minutes have been approved at the following meeting before entering them onto the website. The wardens will take responsibility for posting minutes at the back of the church.

8.5. There was an open discussion on how we could improve internal communications. Rev. Judy

said she has been very impressed with how everyone has been conducting themselves within the church. Rick O. said the Parish Structure is now finished and it has been posted at the back of the church. Rick O. said he will keep it updated every couple of months. Rev. Judy feels we need to have some pre-training for newcomers stepping into any seat, such as Warden, council members at large, etc. All agreed.

8.6. Rev. Mike asked for a motion to purchase a stole for Marilyn Hamlin. All agreed it was a wonderful idea. Wendy made the motion and Erica seconded, to buy a new stole for Marilyn.

8.7. Attendance stats on parish, diocese and the National Church (Rev. Mike) -The National Church asked us to go back 3 years. Rev. Mike went back 20 years. There has been a drastic decrease in the National Church. In comparison, as a parish we are not doing too badly. How does this trend affect us? The future of our church relies on when people feel their need to be going to church. We are losing our youth. Future discussion will take place on this topic.

8.8. Tax receipts-Erica's question, as church envelope secretary, is how long is she required to keep church envelopes and tax records. Rev Mike said that after the tax receipts are sent out she can get rid of the envelopes from the previous year. The income tax receipts are to be kept for 7 years.

8.9. Rev. Mike was approached by Donna Ruggles who would like to be a Lay Reader again. She expressed interest in pastoral care and hospital visitations. It was motioned by Rev. Mike, seconded by Rev. Judy to retrain and reinstate Donna to be a Lay Reader. Motion carried.

8.10. Rick O. was approached by a film crew to rent the church hall. He has received upfront the \$290 for this rental.

8.11. Rick O. had a previous discussion with Rev. Judy in regards to having a rock and roll night club event for a change and have it on a Saturday night. This would not replace the Country music show. Ideas included preselling the tickets for a dinner and rock and roll dance type event. Linda suggested roast beef for the meal. Possibly to be held towards the end of May. All agreed. The first thing to be done is for Rick O. to see if he can get the band.

Myril motioned to adjourn and meeting closed with prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Miller, secretary

Next meeting May 10