

**St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes
June 7, 2011**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. All Council members were in attendance except John Horth who was excused.
3. **Introduction of New Member.** Teresa Wilkes was introduced as the newest member of Council. Teresa was appointed by serving members and her term will run until the next annual meeting.
4. **Minutes.** Members asked for a clarification in the minutes of the May meeting. The \$10,800.06 deficit figure noted in the Treasurer's report was a year-to-date figure and not a reflection of the income for a single month.
5. **Pastor's Report.** The Pastor noted with sorrow the deaths of two current and one former member in the month of May. Funerals were performed for Zelma Wells on May 19th, Donald Bryant on May 20th and Opal Gorden on May 23rd. The Pastor moved for formal acceptance of the list of confirmands and said several in the group would be potential candidates for youth members of Council.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer reported income for May was \$487.73 in the black for the month. This is the second month in a row income has exceeded expenses in 2011. We are still behind for the year by a total of \$10,332.33
7. **Listening Sessions.** A discussion was held on the mechanics of the Listening Sessions scheduled for the month of June. Considerable time was spent on the questions we will encourage members to answer and how the information will be used.
8. **ARC Use of Building.** The organization that requested use of the church building in May has put that request on hold as organizers reassess their priorities.

9. Team Reports.

Learning reported they have two teachers committed for VBS but are still searching for a superintendent.

Service reported that income from the church night at the Kernels will be designated for synod support.

Support indicated meetings on the annual stewardship campaign will start in July to get a head start on the process.

Witness reported that the “roving” photographer who will take candid photos of members for an electronic display will start June 19th. A potluck is planned following the 9:30 a.m. service for June 26th. Some consideration is being given to a caller I.D. system for the church office as a way to keep track of phone numbers of those who contact the church.

Worship. It was reported that interim organist Marcia Lofdahl has served in that capacity for a year now. With no progress on a permanent organist, Marcia may be interested in formalizing her status so as to receive paid time off and other benefits that are given to regular part time employees. Council will refer the issue back to the Worship & Music Team.

10. **Ordination Anniversaries.** Pastor Ed will be celebrating a 25th anniversary of his ordination this year and retired Pastor Cedric Lofdahl will be celebrating a 50th. Plans are in the works recognition event.

11. The next Council meeting is Tuesday July 5th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Craig Nilsen has refreshments and devotions. The next Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. The July Executive Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday July 19th at 6:30 p.m.

12. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dave Franzman for John Horth, Secretary