

St Andrew Council Minutes 5/12/11

President Bob Morrissey opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03pm.

Craig Schadewald led devotions.

Present: Ed Blakelock, Barbara Barden, Craig Schadewald, Jeff Ogonowski, Ollie Beall, Glenn Kaijala, Eleanor Lockhart, Sarah Hall, Bob Morrissey and Karen Ellenberger

Absent: Paul Miotke, Pastor Rust

Minutes: Motion made by Ollie Beall, 2nd by Eleanor to accept the 4/11 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Ed Blakelock:

	Current month	YTD	YTD budget	YTD variance	Budget
Receipts: Operating	32,863.47	128,623.09	135,592.36	(6,969.27)	406,780
Restricted	5,943.00	19,623.97			
Total Receipts	38,806.47	148,247.06			
Income	(4,142.88)	(5,944.04)			
Restricted Funds Balance	64,891.83				
Mortgage: Balance as of 4/1/11	647,313.20				
Payment	3,716.29				
Balance as of 4/30/11	643,596.91				

Glenn discussed Benevolence payments- that the amount stays constant. Questioned why when some members give only to the Restricted Operating Fund only. Ed stated that the Restricted Operating Fund goes to pay insurance, salaries, utilities and mortgage. Glenn asked if with the benevolence payments cut to ½ starting May, will we send ½ the original amount, or a % of actual revenue (minus mortgage payment and restricted funds). Ed stated that for May, the benevolence payment will be ½ the original budgeted amount. Sarah asked about the re-amortizing of the mortgage loan. Ollie- Finance will do a benevolence payment study, and present findings at next meeting.

Finance Report: Ollie announced that 26 families have left, with an income loss of \$48,000 for the remainder of 2011. Finance needs 2 new counters. ***Ollie made a motion (from finance committee) that the income from “Lent, Advent & Ash Wed services be designated to the “General Fund”. The total allocated to the general fund will be approximately \$2,336. Motion was 2nd by Jeff. The Thrivent amortization program will be effective 6/1/11; the monthly savings will be \$1200.00. Motion carried.***

Property: Bob- need to re-key the church, both the outside keys and the alarm codes. Jeff- Worship & Music need property assistance to remove the outside crosses. Karen asked if they could stay up. Jeff will talk to Pastor to see if they could be left up after Pentecost.

Christian Ed: Sarah- The last Sunday School before summer, will be 6/5/11. It will start back up on 9/11/11. There are 5 chalk boards that need to be changed to white boards.

Worship & Music: Jeff- have filled the Usher Coordinator for the early services, still need a late service volunteer.

Social Ministry: Barbara- announced the Baby Bottle Campaign (for EPIC) will not be done. After discussion, it was decided this campaign *would* go on, sometime in the fall. The committee is developing a “motor pool” for elderly- to assist with out of town appointments, hospitalizations, etc. Barb praised the “Caregivers” for the work they do; Elaine Rowan schedules these groups.

Evangelism: Eleanor- Committee is continuing the 1st time visitors bags, pictures of new members. There will be an Evangelism Walk on 5/20. The next committee meeting will be in July. Bob asked if an “arrow sign” should be placed on the St Andrew sign on Chattakua Lane, pointing the direction of the church.

Youth: Craig- the spaghetti dinner has been postponed to Sunday, Sept 18th, at 1pm. The talent show will follow. A Youth Retreat is on 5/20 at Camp Don Lee. Youth will be leading worship on 6/19. Micah’s

Backpack has been moved to Social Ministry, Lorri Hagy will be leading this. The committee needs to know if Pastor Rust going to organize the National Gathering, or should the Youth Committee plan this trip? Craig will get with Pastor about this.

Personnel: Glenn- there was no meeting

Council Position Appointments: These terms will be through December, 2011.

Motion was made by Glenn, with 2nd by Craig to appoint Don Michaels council liaison to the Stewardship Committee. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Karen, 2nd by Glenn to appoint Crystal French council liaison to the Christian Ed committee. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Karen, with 2nd by Glenn to appoint Linda Bloomfield as council liaison to the Fellowship Committee. The motion carried.

Sarah Hall will step down this month from Christian Education, per her request.

Bob Morrissey spoke about the Yard sale. He had met with the men in charge, the problem is the workload manpower needed to set up, man the yard overnight, and then tear down to take anything left over to Salvation Army. The men asked to cancel the Yard sale. ***Motion was made by Bob M., with 2nd by Glenn, to donate the goods collected for the yard sale to the Salvation Army, with the exception of those items wanted by the Interfaith Ministry (Susan Hassan). The motion carried.*** Bob will contact Susan, Elmo has already contacted the Salvation Army.

Announcements: Ed will print out an updated St Andrew Directory. Bob- The Church Office Workload needs to be reviewed. Ollie- has the job description of the Administrative Asst, we need to go through it to see what is being done and by whom. Walter Reed would like to be involved with this. Glenn- is concerned about the computer expertise when the Counters come in on Monday mornings. Thought perhaps Terri should be contacted to teach a troubleshooting network class.

New Business: 1) Ollie- the church has received 2 4-drawer filing cabinets from Sal Fiorentino. They are available to whatever committee or group needs them. Bob- we should consider asking Joan Bower to scan in the church blueprints to digital form. 2) Bob- wants to resume regular Executive Committee Meetings. These will be on the 1st Wed of the month at 6:30pm. The president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and Pastor should attend these meetings, to set the Agenda, and discuss major issues. 3) Pastor has asked for permission to use up to \$1000 from the Saturday Worship Funds for Lakeside Youth Discipleship Week. ***Glenn moved to allow Pastor to use up to \$1000 from the Saturday Worship Funds for the Lakeside Youth Discipleship Week, 2nd by Karen. The motion carried, with 2 no,1 abstain.***

4) Bob- Wanted to say that all the people who voted for NO CHANGE, got change. He hopes that we can make this change fun. As a council, if we see things we can do to make life at church better, don't be afraid to speak up and say it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ollie, with 2nd by Jeff at 9:15pm.

Bob closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

A heartfelt thank you was given to Sarah for all her contributions to council.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ellenberger, Secretary