

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Men's Brotherhood Meeting
Minutes of May 9, 2009

Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: St. Paul's Parish Hall

In Attendance:	Pastor Rod	Ken Keefer	Paul Clark
	Ken Christie	Norm Oehlke	George Mader
	Morris Sampson	Erik Domaas	Frank Bentz
	Jim Grooms	Don Umberger	

Pastor Rod said the blessing.
 Jim Grooms supplied the breakfast.
 The meeting was led by Ken Keefer.

The following subjects were discussed during the business portion of the meeting:

- A. The minutes of the April 11, 2009 meeting were approved as amended:
 - a. Line C.c. was amended to read " Ray Sylte, Lars Lueders and Gerry Schonemann have volunteered to assist George Mader with food.
- B. Ken Keefer reviewed his Annual Report for the upcoming Congregational Meeting.
 - a. Brotherhood membership has declined during the 2008 year.
 - b. No profits were realized from the Easter Breakfast.
 - c. We may need to eliminate the breakfast next year.
- C. Easter Breakfast
 - a. Ways of increasing donations at future Easter Breakfasts were discussed.
 - i. Passing around donation baskets, instead of putting them on the tables, may draw attention to them.
 - ii. We should try making an announcement (including the fact that it costs the Brotherhood \$4 per head to provide the breakfast).
 - b. Cleanup was not handled well.
 - i. Some Brotherhood members justifiably spent time with their families.
 - ii. Others were singing in the choir at both services.
 - iii. Ray Sylte got stuck with washing pots and pans days after the event.
 - c. We may need to ascertain exactly how many men will be available to assist with the next Easter Breakfast and cancel the event if sufficient numbers of volunteers are not available.
- D. Ken Christie gave the Treasurer's Report. (See attached)
 - a. The Yard Sale and Corn Roast are the only annual Brotherhood events that see significant monetary profit.
- E. Yard Sale
 - a. A great social event for the church and neighborhood
 - b. Jim Grooms thanked all the people who volunteered so much time to make this year's Yard Sale a success.
 - c. The sale was very successful financially
 - i. \$3,392.75 income from sales
 - ii. \$1,250 Thrivent matching funds
 - iii. \$4,642.75 total income
 - d. All leftover books, videos and records were donated to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

- e. Ken Christie and George Mader will be in charge of next year's Yard Sale.
 - i. Jim Grooms will give them a list of people who spent time arranging and pricing items prior to the sale.
- F. Ladies' Night Out
 - a. Six servers will be needed at 5:30.
 - i. Paul Clark
 - ii. Ken Keefer
 - iii. Morris Sampson and grandson Ryan
 - iv. Pastor Rod
 - v. Pete Snyder
 - b. Gerry Schonemann, Lars Lueders and George Mader will work in the kitchen
 - c. Dom Umberger volunteered to help with cleanup at 6:30, along with several servers.
- G. Pastor Rod gave a Property update.
 - a. There is much confusion with lawyer Jack Willis.
 - b. Willis doesn't have the Partial Lien Release requested by the Mission Investment Fund.
 - c. Carl Gutschick will assist in getting the issue resolved.
- H. The decreasing Brotherhood attendance was discussed.
 - a. Some men in the congregation are unable to prepare periodic breakfasts.
 - b. Some are also unwilling to burden their wives with this task.
 - c. It was decided to restrict Brotherhood breakfasts to coffee and donuts for the months of June through September of 2009 in an effort to relieve men from the responsibility of cooking.
 - d. The cost of the donuts will be reimbursed.

Pastor Rod gave a devotional on John Hall Eliot, Anglican missionary to Native Americans during the seventeenth century.

The next Brotherhood meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2009.
Ray Sylte will provide coffee and donuts.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Clark