

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Men's Brotherhood Meeting
Minutes of December 12, 2009

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

In Attendance: Ken Keefer Pastor Rod Jim Grooms Ken Christie
 Paul Clark Jim Gehring Norm Oehlke Eric Domaas
 Bob Peters Ken Oehlke Randy Arndt Bernie Sasscer
 Ray Sylte Frank Bentz John Murphy Ron Mickley
 Jerry Frankenfield Don Umberger

Ray Sylte, Paul Clark and Bernie Sasscer provided the breakfast.
Pastor Rod said the blessing for the meal.
Brotherhood President Ken Keefer led the meeting.

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

- A. The minutes of the November 14, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
 - a. Randy Arndt's name was added to those in attendance.
 - b. In item E.c. "Mauke" was changed to "Mauck".
 - c. In item F.c.iii. the word "Fun" was changed to "Phun".
 - d. The date for the next Brotherhood meeting was corrected to read December 12, 2009.
- B. Ken Christie gave the Treasurer's Report. (See attached)
- C. Men's Annual Dinner (MAD)
 - a. After discussion, it was suggested that the date for the MAD event be scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010.
 - i. A motion was made by Bernie Sasscer and seconded by Ray Sylte to hold the MAD dinner on that date.
 - ii. The motion was approved by voice vote.
 - b. Bob Peters, Jim Grooms and Ken Keefer have reviewed Maryland University's "Physics is Phun" program and determined that it will be suitable as MAD entertainment.
 - c. The menu will feature spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, and cobbler with ice cream.
 - d. Prices for the dinner will be lowered to:
 - i. \$10 for adults
 - ii. \$ 8 for children
 - e. Debbie Marston will be asked to print tickets for the event.
 - f. Jim Grooms moved that the profits from the MAD event be designated for the "Come Grow With Us" campaign.
 - i. The motion was seconded by Ron Mickley and approved by voice vote.
 - g. Prizes to be raffled off to children will be needed.
- D. Yard Sale.
 - a. Christmas items are being collected in the St. Paul's basement.
 - b. No update on Yard Sale progress was available.
- E. Mike Heyser is preparing a hay wagon for St. Paul's members to use for Caroling next Friday and Saturday.
 - a. Everyone is invited to participate.
- F. Elections for Brotherhood officers will be held at the January meeting.
 - a. Volunteers to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be needed.

- b. Volunteers to head-up the various annual Brotherhood events will also be needed .
- G. Property update
 - a. Jerry Frankenfield reported that a Business Plan will be presented to church members in January with suggestions for ways to utilize the new property.
 - b. St. Paul's representatives will meet with Howard County officials on December 21st to request a one-year extension for our expired construction permit.
 - c. Carl Mauck has shown interest in partnering with St. Paul's in getting water and sewer lines across Rt. 216, thereby saving us and the Mauck family unnecessary expense.
 - d. The five deeds for the original St. Paul's property are still in the process of being merged.
- H. A volunteer was needed to cook breakfast for the January 2010 Brotherhood meeting.
 - a. Ken Christie and Randy Arndt generously volunteered.
- I. Pastor Rod noted that the Lutheran Men in Mission, which is no longer funded by the ELCA, has requested a contribution.
 - a. We sent them \$100 in June of 2009.
 - b. A motion to send them \$125 was made by Bernie Sasscer, seconded by Ray Sylte, and passed by voice vote.
 - c. It was recommended that we ascertain how much funding had been received from the ELCA in previous years.
 - i. This information could assist the Brotherhood in deciding on an appropriate contribution.
 - ii. Pastor Rod volunteered to find out how much this organization had received from the ELCA.
- J. A newsletter from Sipe's Orchard was passed around to Brotherhood members.
- K. Ron Mickley reported on the work of the Wounded Warriors program at St. Paul's.
 - a. One generous St. Paul's member has donated \$500 to that program.
 - b. Phone cards, hats and underclothing are a few of the items needed by wounded servicemen recovering in hospitals in our area.

Pastor Rod gave a devotional on St. Lucia, third century Christian martyr.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:22a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Clark
Brotherhood Secretary

Abbreviated by Tony Meoni
Communication Chair