

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2010**

**In Attendance:** Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, George Davis, Karl Johnson, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Florence Matadi, Terry O'Keefe, Ron Peterson, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Ron Peterson.

**Minutes of January 14, 2009 Meeting:** Mary corrected the total pledged giving to under \$2099.00 for YTD. Mary made a motion to accept the January 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes with corrections. Ron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** There was an evaluation of Project Home at Galilee completed by the Project Home staff and the Galilee committee that gave direction to this ministry. Project Home was open at Galilee for seventeen days in December which was fewer than originally planned because of a plumbing problem that required us to turn off the water in the building for a time. We served eleven families, including six two parent families and five single parent families. Among these were eleven mothers, six fathers and twenty-one children served. One family had six children. There were eighteen volunteers from Galilee who served in some way and fifty-five volunteers from sources other than Galilee. Pastor Ralph would like the congregation to think about the things we do. Do these things bring energy to the members and visitors of the church? Miriam Peterson and Pastor Ralph renegotiated the contract with Efeso on January 28<sup>th</sup> and believe that they addressed the issues that had come to their attention. In addition, Efeso agreed to have the rent raised to \$400 per month. We are close to launching a wellness ministry at Galilee. It will initially include prayer for healing, healing touch and a place for informal conversation. The Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> with a service at 7:00 pm. Our soup supper worship starts February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. The theme is Finding Your Spiritual Type. Pastor Ralph is doing some more investigation into Simply Giving, the option given for automatic offering payments. We need to make sure that there is communication and coordination between the treasurer, financial secretary and the church. We need to designate two people, one female and one male, to serve as voting members to the Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly, which will be Friday, May 21 to Saturday, May 22 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Christena Watson and George Davis expressed interest. The Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders is on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church in North St. Paul. The Saint Paul Area Synod Conferences Assemblies is Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 2:00 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. Mary, Christena and Ron showed interest in attending.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Given by Mary Lanoux. January pledged giving was over by \$564.55. Pledges given are over \$564.55 for YTD. The updated pledged giving has increased to \$133,088.32.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Peter Solberg. We are staying within our budget. Pete reminded everyone that there is a requisition form which is to be completed and turned in for all requested reimbursements. He suggested that there be some accountability from each team to approve the funds being spent. It was discussed that each team designate someone to keep track of their budget, how much was spent and approve spending. Karl made a motion to accept the corrected Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Terry. The motion was passed.

**Savings Account Report:** Peter Solberg reported that there is no change in savings.

I had to leave the meeting and the minutes were completed by Karl Johnson (thanks for being so brave Karl) and are attached.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary

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Secretary Joy Brown leaves a few minutes early because of prior commitment.

**Old Business** is then discussed. The 2010 budget shortfall should be discussed by the executive council per Ron Peterson and ideas should be introduced as to how it should be addressed. Ron asked for an Audit Report and Pete states he needs more details and that Carl Nelson has more information and the audit report is in process.

**New Business** is initiated.

President of the Council, Ron Peterson states that he prefers that “mechanical big issues” be the topic of discussion at council meetings. And that the liaison between the Church Property committee should check on the cost of the lawn service prior to beginning of the season. Perhaps take bids from other vendors.

**Council Meeting Expectation** is briefly discussed by Ron Peterson and Pastor Ralph. And both state that attendance should be given a high priority as well as each member should bring their calendars to the meetings because the ongoing reality of a continual changing agenda.

**How do we bring new people** or members into the fellowship is briefly discussed with no set goal or vision.

**A retreat date is discussed** and the dates of March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> are presented as alternatives and that each of these are on a Saturday morning. There is a suggestion that this be decided on at the next meeting and that all members should bring their calendars. Pastor Ralph asks that the issue of Council Meetings should be discussed and that his position is that the meetings should not go any longer than 8:30 P.M. because after 90 minutes, the meetings become less productive. No vote is taken but many agree.

**Reconciling the Members List** is discussed next. Pastor Ralph states that there is disarray in the record keeping of the church and, he and Sue Nelson are in the process of trying to determine who are actual members based on the information that they have on record. He states that as we move closer to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a clearer picture should emerge based on the information that many past and present members are able to compare with what is on records and pictures that are available.

**Emergency Call List** is distributed and several changes are made based on new members to the church council. Karl Johnson is assigned the group that was formerly assigned to Ann Fehrman; Florence Matadi is assigned the group that was formerly assigned to Lorie Hayne and George Davis is assigned to the group that was formerly assigned to Lisa Atchison. No other changes were made to the list.

**Authorization process** to spend money (budget designated) is discussed. Pete states he has

concerns. There is a brief discussion as to how each committee chair should approve the request based on which pot of money the request is coming from. Pete states that it sometimes confusing because there is no clear pot or account from which one can make a determination. GLOW is used as an example.

**Liaison chart is distributed to the Council** and each person is given an opportunity to accept responsibility as the liaison for the respective categories of Missions, Community, Worship, Music, Property and Education. Joan and Karl request Missions; Christena requests Community; Terry requests Music and Joy is assigned Worship because she was not present and had made her desires known prior to leaving the meeting. George requests Property and June and Florence requests Education. (Some of this might be changed or discussed at our next scheduled meeting).

**Church Calendar is distributed.**

**Communion Assistants** and how they are notified are discussed. Dates are assigned to members of the council.

February 14<sup>th</sup>. Ron & Mary

February 21<sup>st</sup> Karl & Joan

February 28<sup>th</sup> Table Intinction

March 7<sup>th</sup> George & Terry Acolyte?

March 14<sup>th</sup> June & Christena

March 21<sup>st</sup> Florence, Pete & Christena

March 28<sup>th</sup> Table & Intinction

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter: Ron & Joan

April 11<sup>th</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup>: Line with Intinction

Next Meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> Pete will do the devotion and June will bring the treats/drinks.

Meeting is adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.