

Church Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Joy Brown, Joan Jarombek, Mark Kopka, Jackie Nerud, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Jackie Nerud.

Minutes of June 11, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by Joy and seconded by June to accept the minutes of the June 11th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: A good time was had by all who attended the All Congregational Camp in July at Bay Lake. Many appreciated spending time with members of Pueblo de Fe (People of Faith), our Spanish-speaking ELCA congregation in St. Paul. Dan Simundson and Pastor Ralph are leading a discussion of the book The Once and Future Church on August 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00am. With this conversation we are hoping to engage the congregation on how we are changing as a church in the 21st century. In consultation with the Council President and Vice-President, Pastor Ralph has decided to change the number of hours that the church office is open and when the secretary is on duty. Starting Tuesday, September 8th, the new hours will be 9:00 am to Noon, Tuesday through Friday. The primary reason this decision was made is that the number one priority of the congregation is outreach and we need to dedicate more of our staff resources for outreach. Pastor Ralph and some other Spanish-speaking Pastors have been asked by the Synod to preach and preside at communion at Pueblo de Fe because their Pastor has resigned and accepted a call back in his home country of Bolivia. Pastor Ralph will be on vacation Wednesday, August 26th to Saturday, August 29th. He will be back at Galilee Sunday, August 30th.

Financial Secretary Report: Mary Lanoux was not at the meeting but did supply the report. July pledged giving was over by \$421.68 and pledges given are under \$1,772.56 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. While we are not running a deficit cash wise, our income is lower than the expenses. Right now our expenses are running a little over the budget. The outstanding mortgage debt as of the end of July is \$6,562.49. A reminder that the mortgage must be paid in full this year. Pastor Ralph made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports knowing there is some reconciliation to be done between Mary and Peter's information. Motion was seconded by Joan. The motion was passed.

Team Reports: *Education/Youth* - Given by Terry and June. Feed my Starving Children will take place on September 26th in Coon Rapids. This program puts together food/care packages to be sent overseas. September 13 is Rally Sunday and a Potluck lunch. Sunday School will start September 20th. The curriculum for Sunday School is being evaluated.

Property - Ann was not at the meeting but did supply a report for us. A request was made to purchase a new kitchen stove. Pastor Ralph made a motion to have Ann put together a team to purchase an electric stove with funds from the kitchen fund up to \$900. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed. There has also been a request to set up a policy regarding the use of church property, i.e. tables, chairs, etc. The Council agreed that a policy will be set up.

Other Business: *Savings Account Report* - One of the CD's is due September 8. Peter made a motion to cash out the CD and put the money in savings to be used as needed per the 'Proposed use of the Sis Johnson bequest to Galilee'. The motion was seconded by Terry. The motion passed.

Proposed use of the Sis Johnson bequest to Galilee - Barb Strenge presented the Bequest Committee's proposal for the Sis Johnson memorial fund (proposal included with minutes). Pastor Ralph made a motion to accept the committee's proposal with many thanks for their hard work. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Life Line Screening - Lorrie is going to follow up with Cindy to see if this screening will still be happening at

Galilee.

GLOW - Over the course of the summer, we saw over 50 kids and their families enjoy GLOW and the activities and food put together by many of our Galilee members. With the generous donations of our members we were able to stay within our budget and may even be under budget. Fall GLOW will start on September 9th from 5:30 to 8:00 on most Wednesday nights leading to Thanksgiving. There will be dinner served and then a variety of things for kids and adults. We have some homework help, Bible story, crafts and games planned to name a few things. We will be looking for dinner donations and volunteers to make this program the success we know it can be. The next GLOW meeting will be on Monday, August 31st at 5:30 (with pizza). The fall GLOW budget proposal is \$1150. The Sis Johnson fund has agreed to contribute \$5000 towards the 2009 GLOW program which should leave enough funds in the Youth savings account to cover the fall GLOW costs. Lorrie made a motion to proceed with the fall GLOW with a plan to meet by the MEA weekend to reevaluate the program. June seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Communication Center - Duane Haukebo has the plans drawn and Mike Osterman will build the communication center boards. The materials are being donated. The final plans will be presented to the Council in the fall.

Galilee's 50th anniversary and pictorial directory - A September meeting will be planned for ALL members interested in sharing their special gifts to make Galilee's 50th Anniversary and pictorial directory a huge success.

Children's Ministry Coordinator - Pastor Ralph has made a request to the Council to authorize the search for a person to fill this position. The Council agreed that there will be a need especially after Mark leaves. We discussed that the needs will be broader than just children and the job title and job description may need to be updated. Ideas will be discussed at the GLOW meeting August 31st and the Education & Youth Committee meeting on September 1st. The Council would like to hear from members of Galilee - what would you expect from this position? Please share your ideas with a council member or Pastor Ralph.

2010 Budget Committee - At the September Council meeting dates for turning in 2010 budget requests, a date for the congregation members to meet and discuss the information and a meeting for the Council to finalize the budget proposal will be set.

Stewardship Fall 2009 - The planning team members are Sue Nelson, Mary Lanoux, Miriam Peterson and Pastor Ralph. Our Stewardship emphasis will start October 4th and conclude on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Our theme will be "The New Creation" which is our theme verse for the year.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
August 23 - Assisting Minister
August 30 - Jackie, Mark & Terry
September 6 - Joan
September 13 - Joy & Christena

Next Meeting - September 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - Mary
- Drinks & Treats - Terry

Joy made a motion to adjourn. June seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary