

Church Council Meeting Minutes **May 14, 2009**

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

Devotions led by Peter Solberg.

Minutes of April 16, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by June and seconded by Jackie to accept the corrected minutes of the April 16th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: The International Dinner was an outstanding event - well attended, great program and wonderful food! Pastor Ralph thanks everyone who helped from set up to clean up. Sunday School, Sunday Morning Forum and Confirmation concluded for this season on May 10th. We are grateful to all the teachers, coordinators and those who provided leadership. We have five youth getting confirmed on May 17th. It has been fun to get to know and work with them over these last several months. In collaboration with Intern Pastor Mark Kopka, we have challenged them to think about being engaged in mission, especially through GLOW this summer. One of Intern Pastor Mark Kopka's goals is to grow in the area of preaching. He will be preaching roughly once a month. The staff reviews for Cindy and Jo Ann will have been completed by the time the Council meets on May 14th. Lorrie, the Council President, and one other member of the Executive Committee sat in on these meetings with the pastor.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary Lanoux. April pledged giving was over by \$703.76 and pledges given are over \$324.98 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. We are keeping within the budget and our spending is in line with what is coming in. Ron made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Terry. The motion was passed.

Team Reports: *Worship & Music* - Given by Joy. At the meeting on May 4th the Big Production date was finalized and is set for December 13th. There was some discussion about the dinner and one idea was to have a pot luck of Christmas foods from around the world. A team is being put together and will start brainstorming ideas. The Worship and Music team is waiting to hear from the council what recommendations have been given from the committee regarding Sis's gift. The Acolytes were talked about as well. There will be no confirmands next year. The current group will continue through the summer. Who will be the acolytes? During the summer the acolytes do not need to wear robes. Larger robes are needed. The next meeting is July 6th at 7:00pm.

Property - Given by Ann. The windows in the library are being replaced May 15th. The cross on the street sign has been fixed and now lights up. There was a Bell Tower meeting. Generally people are looking for our bell tower to be visible from the street, have sound and be low maintenance. An idea talked about was to have it on top of the church building. Peter Solberg is meeting with the City of Roseville to check the codes. We will need to know how high we can go and have an engineer out to inspect the roof to see if it is possible to have the tower up there. The plan is to present the findings at the June Council meeting and have a few different options to present to the congregation for their approval.

Other Business: *Initiatives for 2009* - GLOW will start June 10th and end after VBS for a total of 10 Wednesdays. A proposed budget for GLOW was presented to the Council. Mark Kopka and Pastor Ralph were very detailed. The budget includes meals and snacks. There is a plan for an art gallery including supplies for making clay items and having them fired and a mural design done personally for Galilee. There is African dance and drum instructions with a performance by the youth during a

community meal. Three community meals will be planned during GLOW. Our youth who were just confirmed are playing a very large role in planning, preparing and participating in GLOW this summer. They will be learning leadership skills and recording things they do and learn. There will be two to three events planned for just our youth leaders and their peers. They will also receive a stipend for the work they do. The proposed budget totals \$3,175.00. Pastor Ralph made a motion to fund GLOW using monies from the youth savings fund, designated congregational donations, Sis Johnson's memorial fund and any donation we may get from Thrivent (that is being followed up on). Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Stewardship - Five Galilee members attended a half day Stewardship Workshop sponsored by the Saint Paul Area Synod on April 18th. The Stewardship theme this year is "Make It Simple". Our Stewardship starts this year on October 4th and will continue through October 25th, Reformation Sunday.

Communication Survey - An idea for a free standing, movable bulletin board was presented to the council. A plan with costs is being designed by Duane Haukebo and Michael Osterman has volunteered to build it (or them). It will make announcements and sign up sheets easier to see. We are also looking for ideas for the bulletin boards we are using now.

Synod Assembly - Pastor Ralph, Ron Peterson and Christena Watson will be attending the Synod Assembly on May 29th and 30th.

Nursery Attendent - A thought was brought to the meeting. Some families with young children may be turned off from Galilee knowing there is no Nursery. Parents don't always want to miss the service sitting somewhere else with their kids even if they can hear the service. It may help to have the nursery available and the council would like to hear ideas from the congregation. In the past, members and older youth volunteered. Would this be possible again?

Galilee Church 50th Anniversary, 2010 - We are looking for two people to chair this special event and report back to the Council. A couple names were discussed at the meeting but if you are interested please let a council member or the office know.

Pictorial Directory, 2010 - We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a new pictorial directory for 2010. Please let a council member or the office know if you are interested in coordinating this or helping.

Employee Guidelines - Guidelines needed to be set as to who would hire, fire and set the hours for Galilee employees. Pastor Ralph made a motion that this will be decided by the Pastor along with the Executive Committee. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
May 17 - Jay Fehrman, Christena, Lorrie
May 24 - Assisting Minister
May 31 - Acolyte, Joan
June 7 - Acolyte, Jay Fehrman
June 14 - Assisting Minister, Jackie, Lorrie

Next Meeting - June 11, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - June
- Drinks & Treats - Jackie
- Liaison Team Report - Property, Ann

June made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary