

Church Council Meeting Minutes November , 2009

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

Devotions led by Christena Watson.

Minutes of October 8, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by Joan and seconded by June to accept the corrected minutes of the October 8th Council Meeting.

Pastor's Report: We celebrated the First Communion of Louise and Kendra Fehrman on November 1st. Justine Brown received her first communion a few weeks earlier. Since then, two more girls associated with GLOW have asked to have their First Communion. We thank the Stewardship Team for a well-organized stewardship emphasis during the month of October. Serving on that team were Sue Nelson, Mary Lanoux, Peter Solberg and Miriam Peterson. We had an exciting and very successful GLOW Hallelujah Party on October 28th. Lots of people came to serve as volunteers in the kitchen, playing games, lighting the bonfire, telling a Bible story, etc., as well as many people (children and adults) from the community. Thank you for your prayers and general support of GLOW. The next Wellness Ministry meeting is on November 19th. Team members are to be checking out the wellness ministries in the area before that meeting. Thanks to the leadership of Terry O'Keefe and Ron Peterson, and thanks to the connections made through Dai Thao, organizer with ISAIAH, we were able to meet with some Hmong people who have an interest in such an enterprise. At this time during the meeting, Terry O'Keefe reported to the Council that he has been researching different size garden plots to see what would give the most product for the space. The choir and bell choir will feature a Christmas musical program on Sunday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m. with a fellowship meal to follow. Please invite your family and friends to come. There have been some concerns about a few children who are noisy and sometimes misbehaving during worship. Pastor Ralph has consulted with his sister-in-law who is an experienced elementary physical education teacher, and she coached him with many good ideas. Nothing we do, however, will always work. He is asking the congregation to be understanding and patient. Some of these children may have never been to church before and are wanting to come and share worship with us. Please pray for all children who come our way that they experience the love of Jesus at Galilee and please compliment any individual child if he or she behaves well on any given Sunday. The lease with the Efeso's congregation will be renegotiated. More specific items and times, etc will be laid out so all parties know and understand what is acceptable. Pastor Ralph has been invited to preach at the 50th anniversary of his former congregation in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas on January 17th. He will arrange for a preacher and someone to preside at communion that Sunday he is gone.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary Lanoux. October pledged giving was over by \$124.00. Pledges given are under \$2,806.78 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. We are about 83% of the way through the year and appear to be on track with our spending. We have used all of the \$18,000 allotted from the Sis Johnson fund towards Pastor Ralph's salary. There is a large insurance payment due in December. Joan made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Joy. The motion was passed.

Savings Account Report: Provided by Steve Groebner, presented by Peter. The current balance in savings is \$19,658.19. Please note that this still includes the monies to be used for the bell tower and the new kitchen stove.

Team Reports: Stewardship - Given by Mary. As of now, \$128,128.66 have been pledged. There are thirty-eight giving cards in which includes four new pledges. There are \$6000 in new pledges, \$10,500 in increased pledges and \$1900 in lowered pledges. Of those that have pledged in the past and have not turned in their giving cards yet, there is a possibility of another \$4800 to be pledged.

Mission - Given by Joan. The Benevolence report through October was provided to the Council. The next

Outreach meeting is November 15, 2009. The committee is always open to new ideas of where to give financial help. There are prayer shawls available to give.

Project Home - There will be a meeting on November 17th, 12:00 p.m. at Galilee.

Other Business: *Galilee's 50th anniversary and pictorial directory* - Given by Lorrie. The anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2010. On Saturday there will be a dinner and program at church. On Sunday Bishop Peter Rogness will participate in the worship service and there will be a reception on the church grounds including cake and coffee. Several committees with chairpersons were formed at the October meeting. A chairperson (or persons) is still needed for the grounds committee - tent, parking, etc. Additional volunteers are still needed for all parts of what will be an exciting time for Galilee. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19th at 7:00 at Galilee. Olan Mills will be at Galilee two evenings to take photos for the pictorial directory. The dates selected are February 11th and 16th. The times are 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be sign up at church and all members of Galilee will be contacted regarding an appointment. Choir, bell choir, staff and other group pictures will also be taken. If you are interested in helping out with the calling, scheduling, etc., please contact Sharell Babin.

Warranties/Repair of some items in the church - There was some mis-communication given to someone regarding purchasing items for the church and who is responsible for them. All paperwork including warranties and repair information is to be kept in the church office. When it needs to be fixed, the church secretary will have the necessary information to make the calls or pass along the information to the correct person.

First Communion Policy - Pastor Ralph gave the Council a short history about the practice of Communion in Lutheran churches. He presented us with a Policy on First Communion. It includes that children and at least one parent, guardian or some other adult sponsor from the congregation to attend an orientation regarding Communion and what it means. If a child is already receiving Holy Communion at another church, they will be welcome to receive it at Galilee. Joy made a motion to accept the Policy on First Communion with the addition regarding a child receiving communion at another church. June seconded the motion. The motion passed and the policy is adopted.

Family and Community Ministry Coordinator - The Executive Committee interviewed two people for the job and are happy to report that Elly Peterman accepted the job. She and Pastor Ralph will be meeting to go over job requirements, setting a schedule, etc. A formal meet and greet and installation will follow.

St. Paul Area Synod Visitor - The Synod had requested each congregation to devote a small amount of time for that they call "Every Council Visits". Pastor Rich Larson came to meet with the Council. He talked with us about the things the Synod is doing, he asked us things that are good with Galilee and things that we are doing here at Galilee, which he will write up in a report and present to the Synod.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
November 15 - Christena, Jackie & Lorrie
November 22 - Assisting Minister & Joyce Solberg
November 29 - Joan, June & Christena
December 6 - Christena & Mary
December 13 - Assisting Minister, Lorrie & Terry
December 20 - Peter, June & Mary

Next Meeting - December 15, 2009, Pastor Ralph's home beginning with Pot Luck at 6:00 p.m. and Council Meeting to follow.

- Devotions - Ann
- Drinks & Treats - N/A
- Liaison Team Report - Staff - Pastor Ralph

Christena made a motion to adjourn. June seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary