

Church Council Meeting Minutes October 8 2009

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Joy Brown, Ron Peterson, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Ron Peterson.

Minutes of September 10, 2009 Meeting: No objections of the September 10th Council Meeting were made, they are approved.

Pastor's Report: GLOW is off to a wonderful start. Attendance has run between twelve and twenty children, some from the neighborhood and some from our congregation. Some of the neighborhood children have started regularly attending worship services and Sunday School. From that point of view, GLOW has been a success! Keeping the parents engaged has been a challenge. Pastor Ralph wanted to thank those who have provided leadership to GLOW - Christena Watson, June Wendt, Ron Peterson, Joy Brown, Terry O'Keefe, Karl Johnson, Jim Zrust, Brittnee Nerud and Abraham Watson (apologies to anyone he missed). He also sends a thanks to all who have donated food for GLOW this fall. We are in the midst of our stewardship effort and he feels this is going well. He thanks all those who are participating with temple talks, children's stories, the bulletin board on benevolence and the other tasks related to stewardship. Susan Miller of the Synod staff will preach on October 18th. The estimates of giving will be received on October 25th with an egg bake brunch to follow. Three children have had or will have instruction given by Pastor Ralph for their First Communion. They are Louise and Kendra Fehrman and Anastasia Matadi. They will receive their First Communion on November 1st. Justine Brown also took the instruction as a review and received communion last Sunday. A group met for the first time on October 1st to explore a wellness ministry through Galilee. The next step is for this group to visit other congregations with wellness ministries. Those involved are Jo Ann French, Joyce Solberg and Katherine Baumgartner. The Northeast Regional Caucus of ISIAH plans to sponsor a forum for candidates for governor. This will be sometime in 2010 after the precinct caucuses. All serious candidates will be invited to participate. Karl Johnson will be leading a discussion on the book, Building a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Church, beginning this Sunday. We have had two people show interest in the Family and Community Ministry Coordinator job position. We are looking for more candidates before we start interviewing. At the last meeting Ann Fehrman suggested we have signs made with Galilee's website address that our members could post in their yards. Peter Solberg agreed to check on the details and cost of those signs. Sue Nelson suggested that we change Galilee's street address to a Rice Street address. There are three McCarrons Streets or Boulevards in the area and it can be confusing to people looking for us. Ron Peterson has agreed to see what will be involved in this.

Financial Secretary Report: Mary Lanoux was not at the meeting but did supply a report for review. September pledged giving was over by \$339.68. Pledges given are under \$2,930.78 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. We are three-fourths of the way through the year and appear to be on track with our spending. The outstanding mortgage debt as of the end of September is \$5,362.19. A reminder that the mortgage must be paid in full this year. Ron made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Christena. The motion was passed.

Team Reports: *Finance/Stewardship* - Given By Peter. Sue gave a good and informative talk last Sunday regarding stewardship.

Community - Given by Christena. The picnic went well. New coffee pots have been purchased. Options for a new stove is being looked at. Christena will do the picnic next year.

Worship and Music - Given by Ron. Jo Ann has asked Ron to build a stand for the zimbelstern.

Other Business: *Galilee's 50th anniversary and pictorial directory* - Given by Lorrie. About ten people showed

to the meeting on September 22nd. Many ideas were talked about. Sharell Babin has agreed to contact Olan Mills regarding the pictorial directory. Lifetouch is another option for the directory. The next meeting is October 22nd at 7:00.

Budgeting Process/Committee - Given by Peter. Peter suggested that the value of the church building and grounds be evaluated to make sure we are adequately insured. The council members will contact the team they are a liaison for and let them know that all budget request reports are due to the budget committee no later than December 15th. The budget committee is Peter, Barb and Mary. We would like the teams to look to the future as well as just the next year. At the next council meeting Peter is to update the council on which teams have turned in their reports.

Audit - Given by Ron. Ron has been in contact with the four people to work on the audit. He will get some ideas from the Synod on what to look at and Peter will set up a meeting.

Work Plan Review/Discussion - Given by Pastor Ralph. Pastor Ralph sees his goals as Growing closer to God, Reaching out and Everyone Involved and Committed. His vision for Galilee is serving as a center for mission - "What can we, in here, go out and do?" Pastor Ralph listed several things that are currently going on, are just starting, will be starting in the future, or things he would like to see happen at Galilee in the near future. Pastor Ralph sees his role as training, starting and getting people interested in different things here.

Bell Tower - Given by Peter. A proposal to build a steeple was presented to the council by the Growth and Facilities Committee. A structural engineering firm has inspected the church building and supplied a bid. Their bid and the amount the committee is asking for approval assumes the maximum work they would need to complete the installation. The amount does not include any amounts to wire and install lighting or sound capabilities to the steeple. However, the design of the steeple will allow such lighting or sound to be added at a later date. The committee would like approval ASAP to get the work started so it can be completed by the 50th anniversary next spring. Based on the information received, the total cost would be approximately \$18,000. There is \$13,060 in designated Bell Tower savings leaving a shortfall of approximately \$5000. The committee proposed the following to the council: Approve the purchase and installation of a steeple at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. The funding would be provided by designated savings for the steeple (\$13,060) and the remaining from the undesignated memorial funds. Pastor Ralph made a motion to accept the proposal with a request that a memorial (plaque) be put up listing Sis Johnson as donor. Ron seconded the motion with a request that the committee look into the cost of installing the sound and lights for future budgeting. The motion passed..

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
 - October 11 - Assisting Minister, Joy & Lorrie
 - October 18 - Ron, Susan Miller & June
 - October 25 - Assisting Minister & Joyce Solberg
 - November 1 - June & Christena
 - November 8 - Assisting Minister, Lorrie & Terry
 - November 15 - Christena, **Lorrie is contacting other members**

Next Meeting - November 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Pastor Rich Larson from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bayport will be our visitor from the Saint Paul Area Synod
- Devotions - Christena
- Drinks & Treats - Joan
- Liaison Team Report - Mission - Joan & Jackie

Christena made a motion to adjourn. June seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary