

August 19, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes/Notes

Present: Bonnie Ehrke, Intern Miranda Hinrichs, Jaime Lewellin, Steve Wagner, Pastor Clint, Peggy Luther, and Financial Secretary Elizabeth Kaashagen. Trudy Spike arrived a little later.

Absent: Sabra Jacobson, Kurt Klemp.

Pastor Clint, fresh off his family vacation to Iowa , led the opening devotion.

New Intern: Steve officially welcomed Miranda to her first church council meeting. Miranda told the group she has already been on pastoral visits and attended/been a part of the Men's Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School room clean-up (post VBS), Worship and Internship committee meetings, a Budget & Spending subcommittee meeting, and preached her first sermon in PC's absence. Miranda inquired about taking some time off (likely to be 3 days) to compete in a Tae Kwon Do competition in Colorado Springs in early September in preparation of Pan American games. What an incredible accomplishment! The council told her they are very supportive of her and wished her well in the competition trials.

Consent Agenda & Committee Reports: Financial Secretary Elizabeth Kaashagen presented the assortment of monthly financial reports. She reminded the council that the Investment Fund will pay for Miranda's internship expenses. She also shared her sense that more contributions are being received for the purpose of paying down the building fund debt, and that is likely to be the reason why weekly giving is down from a year ago. In anticipation of putting together a proposed budget for 2011, Steve asked that Elizabeth and Holly Loomis meet with the Budget & Spending subcommittee so that eventually we, as a council, can get a better understanding of how bills are coded and paid.

Pastor Clint will be gone for a few days in early October. He has been asked to speak at his alma mater, Luther College , in Decorah , Iowa , during their Homecoming on October 7-9, 2010, which is quite an honor! Then on October 11 and 12, 2010, he has been asked to be at the ELCA churchwide office in Chicago to share, in person, his "Washed and Welcomed" baptismal resource that is due to be published by Augsburg Fortress in November. Another big honor! Way to go, PC!! These absences will not affect his Sunday obligations to EKLC.

Motion made by Trudy and seconded by Jaime to accept the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Loan at Cambridge State Bank: Motion made by Trudy to renew the building loan line of credit in the amount of \$200,000. (This is a reduction from the previous amount of \$300,000.) Seconded by Jaime. There was discussion of the origin of the current building repair loan which originated in June, 2008, then Steve asked for a vote of renewing the loan. All were yea votes. Steve, Elizabeth, and Holly will sign for the loan renewal.

Media/Theatre Room: Jason Schlieckau, a newer member of our congregation, purchased home theatre audio/video equipment at cost from his employer, American TV, and recently installed this equipment in the choir room. The council visited the choir room and was pretty much blown away by PC's demonstration. ☺ The quality of the audio/visual was amazing! Thanks to undesignated memorial monies and Jason, we have a wonderful facility that should get a lot of use by all kinds of church groups.

Coffee Hour hosts on December 12 will be the Church Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Rummage Sale Update: Trudy will arrange for advertising in local newspapers. Many volunteers are still needed to make this a success on September 4 and 5. All proceeds from the rummage will be used to pay down the building improvement loan.

Asset Mapping: Pastor Clint has asked that the council continue to think about all the assets the Lord has blessed this congregation with, keeping in mind that the goal is to enrich our church community. PC will collect and summarize these assets for a re-visit in the future.

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The next council meeting will probably be at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 19th.

A "**Halloween Extravaganza!**" will take place in October. All the cool details will be forthcoming!

Big *Woo-Hoo*'s to Pastor Clint and Amanda, who are expecting their third child in January, and birthday wishes to Steve because it's a "biggie" this year!

Meeting adjourned after The Lord's Prayer.