

Council Meeting October 20, 2009

The meeting began at 7:05pm with Pastor reading a scripture. He then asked each one present the same question, “Why did the son go hungry?”

Members Present: John Rivett, Patty Paisley, Pastor Rob, Judy Warmbier, Cathy Schultz, Bob LaDuke, Marsha Paetz, Mark Kern, Mark Frazier, and Brenda Bluem.

Minutes: The minutes from the September Council meeting were read over silently. Bob LaDuke made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Pastor Rob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Financial Report: Judy presented September’s report. The General Fund is up. Bob LaDuke made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, Pastor Rob seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Pastor’s Report: a written report was included with the agenda.

- ◆ A motion was made to accept 11 students to membership by confirmation by Mark Frazier and seconded by Bob LaDuke. Discussion included the possibility of future confirmation students coming before Council to answer a few questions (regarding their faith statements). The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- ◆ A motion was made to accept the new members list by Mark Frazier and seconded Brenda Bluem. The spelling of Vicki Lundstrom’s last name was corrected. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- ◆ ELCA’s Sexuality Study – has anyone been asked any questions or heard any discussion from members?
- ◆ Jeff and Mary Johnson – resigning from their positions as Missionaries (due to the Sexuality Study and the ELCA’s decision). Pastor received National ELCA letter stating the same. Take under consideration – look at again in January for the missionary funds – what to do with them.
- ◆ Steven’s ministry – on a delay
- ◆ Healthy congregations – no response from anyone yet
- ◆ Any other concerns for Pastor?

Ongoing Initiatives:

- ◆ Master Planning Project: on hold – more urgent items to work on first Work with the Stewardship Ministry to determine what congregation wants first – before starting Master Planning project.
- ◆ Columbarium Repository: info given to Pastor - still working on – still pursue?
- ◆ Personnel Admin Mgmt Team: on temporary hold, will get Pastor samples of Reviews so he can still work with his staff on 1/1/2010
- ◆ Council/Cong Meeting Minutes on Website – also print and place on bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Making Us One pledges: still on hold
- ◆ Stewardship project – develop survey for congregation – where do they want to go? Build around the answers to see how to get there. Met with other churches to discuss their programs – what works and what doesn’t? Keep existing while trying to new.

- ◆ “Sink the Boiler” project: John and Christina working on something to post on bulletin board (sinking boiler ship). Use Building Fund and/or Building Maintenance Fund (under Special Givings)? Money in account would stay designated specifically for the boiler. Leave the name of the account as “Building Maintenance” – can only spend towards the boiler – must have Council approval in order to spend this money.
- ◆ Preschool contract – negotiate and restructure more so into the school year. A motion to amend the current agreement end date to 8/31/10 instead of 12/31/09 was made by Bob LaDuke and seconded by Pastor Rob. This was discussed and clarified (for the records). The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

- ◆ Wrap up of Oct 4th Congregation Meeting – Continuing Resolutions – need to create document to include Endowment Fund.
- ◆ Call for Council Members ending term for each Ministry? Look at ballot for each ministry – did we need to have a vote for members of each Ministry? Also need to look at Executive Secretary’s term – should it be an additional 1 year to get in revolving order with the other positions?
- ◆ Any other? Any months off?
- ◆ Vestry perspective – all get together to plan ahead before the Vestry meeting. Separate the Vestry and Council meetings from one into two. Get ideas from each ministry and compile them into a game plan.

Ministry Reports:

- ◆ Deacons - none at this time
- ◆ Education – none at this time
- ◆ Elders – starting work on directory in November. Anita McKeith, Jeff Schram, and Ralph Flatt taking the pictures of everyone to keep in the church database.
- ◆ Property – met in early October – established goals – projects – retrenched all the downspouts so the basement does not flood, rebuilt the mower shed walls, Pavilion water shut-off 11/1/09; Up-keepers starting back up on first Tuesday of month at 9:00am.
- ◆ Worship – none at this time
- ◆ Women’s Board – included with the agenda, painted kitchen and north wall of fellowship hall.
- ◆ In-reach/Out-reach – included with the agenda
- ◆ Stewardship – included with the agenda
- ◆ Music – included with the agenda

Ask “Church Windows” about the licensing and privacy issues involved with Cathy having the Treasurer information on her home computer. It shouldn’t be an issue – but better to be safe, not sorry.

Motion by Patty Paisley and seconded by Judy Warmbier to close meeting at 9:20pm. Pastor thanked the Congregation and Council for the dinner and movie gift certificates. There was no further discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Closing Prayer at 9:20pm by Pastor Rob.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Paisley, Executive Council Secretary