



Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order: by John Herring at 12:20 pm.
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Eric Drake, Dan King, Gary Powalish, Milly Van Valzah, Steve Shoudy, Cindy Loken, Dan Syverson, Tyler Syverson, John Herring, Jan Ethington
Excused: Russ Albert, Linda Hanson
Absent:
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Jan Ethington
Study was from two sources – lyrics of a song by John Mayer and a book called A Year with Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
3. Approval of Minutes October 21, 2007: Motion by Milly and seconded by Eric. Corrected minutes by adding Linda's name to the list of those present.
4. Correspondence: Solicitation to advertise on WNTA. 20 ads for \$280. There was discussion to make a sign like the pre-school sign to have up during advent. Coordinate with Ellen Pidde
5. Pastor John's Comments:
 - RALM trivia night was fun. Five people represented Cross and Crown, plus our table had two people borrowed from another church.
 - Roof appeal raised about \$5993 plus over \$1400 from the pie auction. We will be contracting with KenZ Roofing, the company that Floyd Herman is with.
 - Pr John would like to propose a columbarium, gazebo, or garden area by the labyrinth. \$2000 has been given in memorials for these purposes. Discussion will be at this and next meeting and if approval, taken to the congregation at the annual meeting. Christ Church on Riverside is planning to build a columbarium.
6. Membership: Removed by transfer: Roberta Linder to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran in DeKalb. Received by transfer from other ELCA churches: Dave and Sue Chaney, Bill and Jami Layes and son William, Lisa Clark and children Taylor and Jonathon, Sue DiGiovanni and children Jake and Izzy, Corey and Ann Pearson and children Janessa and Cadin, Joe and Lory Winterhalter. A motion to accept was made by Dan Syverson and seconded by Gary.
7. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Will have a meeting on Wednesday. Things are progressing for the roof repair.
 - Education: They did the budget in for next year. Did not meet yet, will meet in December. Bible 101 class is going well on Wednesday nights. About six to 8 people attend,
 - Evangelism: Minutes were provided. Conducted the pie auction fundraiser. It went way beyond the expectations. The committee is calling on some of the inactive members. They are planning the progressive dinner.
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Report by Dan. Included reports from October 11 and November 15th meetings. Discussion for after the appeal to authorize moving some of the pledged money from building fund to general budget. Maybe ask a few people to switch some of their pledged building fund to the general budget for next year, to help with the deficit and proposed budget. Steve submitted a two-tier budget for information. Cash increased about \$9000 this month from last.

- Treasurer's report: Steve – Financial summary. There was a comparison from ytd this year to last year. Income is about in the same place and expenses are up a little bit due to increases in salaries. There were comments from council members about the great format that Steve used for presenting the information.
 - Preschool Committee: Milly said that someone suggested putting a snow fence to help keep snow off the preschool sidewalk. Gary thinks that there is not enough room to put a snow fence in. Gary is the backup shoveler for the pre-school
 - Social Concerns: Minutes of the November 1st meeting are included. Health fair on Feb 10th. Cause of the month for December is LSSI.
 - Stewardship: Minutes are included. Eric said that we may want to put something in the bulletin to suggest a beginning offering. Commitment Sunday was today, November 18th. Letters were sent to people who have not picked up their packets. Maybe there should be a reminder in the C and C, and mentioned in the council update to congregation.
 - Worship and Music: Will be meeting on Tuesday. Worked mainly on the budget. Discussion on having children in church for the beginning of the 9:30 service.
 - Youth Ministry: They will be doing a coupon book for a fundraiser. The cost is \$25. This is the last week of fundraising for the coupon book. Ten dollars of each book goes to the youth group. Mission trip will be in Smithers, WV. Ski trip is in the planning stage – will be a Lutheran facility about 2 hours away on Martin Luther King weekend.
 - Sign task force: Not much activity.
 - Audit Committee: Motion by Dan Syverson to appoint the auditors for the year, Bill Clemens and Diane Peters. Seconded by Dan King. Passed.
 - Personnel Committee: Met to set budget (two-tier) for personnel on November 3rd at 10:00. The officers and the past president.
 - Nominating Committee: Will need to meet. Will need to fill 3 positions plus a youth representative. Milly, John Herring, and Linda will be outgoing. Linda was filling a 1-year term. Maybe she would be willing to serve again.
 - Earned Income Task Force: Have begun planning for next year. Dan Syverson is the chair for the art fair next year. He has presented an outline book for the committees to fill in. Dan has made up flyers and business cards for the council to take and pass out. The committee is planning on going ahead for 100 artists. Fee structure will include an early discount and a referral program. Marketing options – maybe could promote to retirement centers to bring groups in. Need to have a spring event – we don't have a chair for the auction. The committee is open to suggestions
8. Strategy and Specific Objective developments – Milly – Mission statement. Challenges council to keep the mission in front of us and to highlight one aspect of the mission each month during the year. When undertaking projects, remember what part of the mission statement are we fulfilling. Council members are asked to take the mission statement and think about it and play with it through the month. Suggestion – gift instead of promise.

Other business:

Assignment for feedback from this meeting: Tie it in with the pledge results on December 2nd. Russ would like to do the feedback.

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2007 at noon.

Linda will provide lunch and a devotion.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken



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Secretary