



Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order: by Joe Chamberlain at 12:25 pm.
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Eric Drake, Dan King, Dan Syverson, Cindy Loken, Jan Ethington, Brett Henbest, Allan Peters, Diane Peters
Excused: Gary Powalish, Steve Shoudy
Absent: Matt Wehby
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Cindy Loken.
3. Approval of Minutes February 24, 2008. Motion to accept the minutes by Eric and seconded by Brett. Approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - Letter from LOMC – appeal for resurfacing the pool. Each congregation is being asked to consider a gift. Pr John has a CD about the programs of LOMC. Pr. John will announce the fund-raiser and we will put a container in the narthex for a couple of weeks for donations and we will send what is collected.
 - Waterfront participation: need to sign paperwork to get signed up for next year.
5. Pastor John's Comments:
 - CRE – great event. Attended by 4 from Cross and Crown – Pr. John, Diane and Allan Peters, and Cindy Loken. Keynote speaker was Pr. Ralph Klein on Lutherans, Read the Bible!
 - Pastor John will be gone from March 26 to April 12. Pastor Bob Dirks will lead worship.
 - Pastor Doug Johnson will cover for emergencies.
6. Membership: Had two baptisms today.
7. Strategies: New sheet in our packets. The strategies were updated at the retreat on February 24, 2008. The goals were modified and we will focus on strategy 3, CO 3.4 and Strategy 4, CO 4.4. Need to update time and talent sheets.
8. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Gary met with Ray McMahon to see if it is feasible to put in a French drain. There is nothing but limestone here, so the French drain will not work. He recommended a special drain to be put in to carry the water away from the low spot.
 - Education: Will meet on the 22nd.
 - Evangelism: Committee report is included in the council boxes. RoRo expo is this weekend. Talking about a new phone system. Can probably pay for it with memorial funds.
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Dan King. Minutes of March meeting are included. Cash balance declined about \$10k. February income was \$19k, with an outflow of \$23k. The building fund had a \$277 deficit in February. There was a deficit in the non-budgeted account due to unpaid pledges for piano. Comparing 2007 to 2008, income is up by \$ 7700. Expenses were more than \$10k better than last year overall. Move to accept financial report by Eric, seconded by Dan Syverson.
 - Treasurer's report:
 - Preschool Committee: Haven't met. They had registration – have all spots filled but 5.
 - Social Concerns: Haven't met.
 - Stewardship: Haven't met.
 - Worship and Music: There is a report in council packets. The cantata was today and it went very well. Still need a male to play the part of Judas on Friday night. Allan Peters and Dan King volunteered to do the necessary remaining parts.
 - Youth Ministry: Yellow book and Easter breakfast. Lots of work needs to be done on yellow book delivery. There were lots of donations of food for the breakfast.
 - Sign task force: No activity.

- Audit Committee: No activity.
- Personnel Committee: No activity.
- Nominating Committee: No activity.
- Earned Income Task Force: Art fair – need to have 25 vendors by June 1st and 40 by July 1st or it will be cancelled. Brett's dinners went well. He is planning something at DiGiovanni's. and is targeting April 20th weekend for a wine-tasting.
- Task force on long range planning – Joe Chamberlain, Greg Loken, John Arntzen, Keith Irons
- Task force on member involvement – Jan and Kara
- Jan Ethington and Mike Metcalf for synod convention. Pr. John moved, Dan S seconded.

9. Other business:

Joe presented a history of past years for attendance records. Is the church moving ahead, standing still or falling back? Joe wants to improve communication and wants to start a suggestion box.

Homework from the council meeting – bring back next time one simple sentence of what we think the church is (or should be). The other piece of homework is: what is one fundamental that could be improved to help the mission of the church?

Gazebo is to be built by a boy scout and he wants permission. We have memorial money for materials. It was the consensus of council to go ahead.

10. Assignment for feedback – Joe will do an article for the Cross and Crownicle.

Diane and Allan Peters will provide lunch and a devotion.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary