



Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order: by Joe Chamberlain at 12:20 pm.
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Cindy Loken, Allan Peters, Diane Peters, Gary Powalish, Matt Wehby, Brett Henbest
Excused: Steve Shoudy Jan Ethington, Eric Drake, Dan King, Dan Syverson
Absent:
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Gary Powalish. Devotion on the triune God.
3. Approval of Minutes April 20, 2008. Motion to accept the minutes by Brett and seconded by Matt. Approved.
4. Assignment for feedback about this meeting: Matt will put a summary in the Cross and Crownicle.
5. Correspondence:
 - Possible earned income proposal from Mike Metcalf. American Express is partnering with Mike's employer Delta Airlines and will pay the Delta employee \$50 for each AmEx application that is approved. Mike would donate the \$50 to the congregation. Joe moved to decline, Brett seconded. Motion carried.
 - Global mission event in LaCrosse: This is a way to be exposed to the worldwide church. Pastor John said it is like a vacation. The cost for an adult is \$240. The dates are July 17 to 20th.
 - LSTC Funding appeal (video) – LSTC would like congregations to identify people who may want to make a donation. See Pastor John if you are making a contribution.
 - Lutherdale appeal (Joe) – They need about \$50,000 to make necessary and unexpected repairs. They have raised about \$11,000 so far. We give \$450 per year as a budgeted item for Lutherdale. Brett suggested putting an appeal in the C and C and maybe having a fundraiser like a car wash with the youth to raise funds. Diane suggested giving our pledge now instead of the end of the year. Joe suggested adding \$150 additional money. Youth will try to work out a special fundraiser for Lutherdale. Motion by Brett: In response to the emergency request from Lutherdale, he moves to increase annual giving to \$600 and that it be sent in a timely manner within the next few weeks. Seconded by Kara. Carried.
 - New initiative from synod council in April. Special fundraising to bring Lutheran campus ministry to full-time position at NIU. Joe suggested passing the request along to the budget committee for consideration for next year's budget.
6. Pastor John's Comments:
 - Pastor's Retreat experience and possibilities – he had a really good retreat. Most of the attendees were leaders and pastors. Pastor John would like to have retreats for Cross and Crown members. A men's retreat will be the first retreat, then will do a co-ed retreat after that. Theme of spiritual development.
 - Thanks to Matt Wehby for presentation on tithing the economic stimulus checks
 - Roof repair negotiations – they agreed to have us pay the original quoted price. That leaves \$2183 left of the money raised for the internal roof repairs.
 - The security alarm company says that \$256.42 is the cost of installing two smoke detectors in preschool area and connecting to existing systems.
7. Membership: Released by her request. Cami Lightbody. She is attending Heartland.
8. Strategies: Task force for long range planning. They came up with seven specific questions for members who become involved with the long range planning. Task force on member involvement – Kara. Report included. The next meeting is on May 29, 2008 and they welcome feedback and ideas.
9. Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds: Gary – objectives are to paint and repair the inside after the roof repair is completed. Outdoor cleanup is on Wednesday at 5:30. There is some discussion about putting in a new phone system, because our phone system is getting out of date.
- Education: meeting minutes were included.
- Evangelism: Will be meeting soon.
- Finance/Treasurer's Report: Budget reports are in the materials. Diane sent out finance committee minutes. The finance committee decided on critical objectives. One objective is photographing the church items for insurance purposes. April reports are in the packet. Diane gave the report. A motion to approve was made by Brett and seconded by Gary.
- Treasurer's report:
- Preschool Committee: Linda gave Kara a committee report. They will inform her of the next meeting. Some parents would like the outside door locked. The committee wants caulk around the toilet, and they reported that one toilet runs. They would like the repairs done in the summer.
- Social Concerns: Report is in the packets. Jerry Upward is involved with the Lutheran house for Habitat. Call him if you would like to help.
- Stewardship: Will meet soon.
- Worship and Music: No minutes from last meeting. There were some negative comments on doing the pie auction on Father's Day. There will be an evangelism fundraiser breakfast that day.
- Youth Ministry: They are looking at doing Moonlight Bowling. The youth group may do a guitar hero contest.
- Sign task force: No activity.
- Audit Committee: No activity.
- Personnel Committee: No activity.
- Nominating Committee: No activity.
- Earned Income Task Force: Wine tasting coming on May 30th. Brett is handling tickets. Invite friends.

10. Other business:

Social statement - Jan Ethington has a report.
Joe has the suggestion box ready.

Steve Shoudy will provide lunch and a devotion. Meeting will at 11:00 on June 29, 2008.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary