



Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order: by Joe Chamberlain at 11:15 am.
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Cindy Loken, Diane Peters, Brett Henbest, Eric Drake, Dan King, Dan Syverson, Allan Peters, Gary Powalish
Excused: Jan Ethington, Matt Wehby
Absent: Steve Shoudy
2. Opening devotion given and pizza provided by Dan Syverson. The topic of devotions was Mary and her amazing faith. She “pondered” after the angel Gabriel appeared to her. We should ponder God’s work and will for the church.
3. Approval of Minutes June 29, 2008. Motion to accept the minutes by Diane and seconded by Eric. Approved.
4. Assignment for feedback about this meeting: Joe will put a summary in the Cross and Crownicle.
5. Correspondence:
 - Greening our Congregation, the NIS synod mission gathering, will be held at Grace Lutheran in Loves Park from 7 to 9pm on Thursday, September 18th. Members are welcome to attend.
6. Pastor John’s Comments:
 - Men’s retreat (24 hour) will be held for the men of Cross and Crown at Lutherdale on Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. 15 people will be attending.
7. Membership: No activity. There will be a child baptism next week. Three families have inquired about the next new members class that will start in the fall.
8. Strategies:
 - Task force for long-range facility and staff planning – Joe Chamberlain. The letter has been sent out to the congregation. There is another meeting planned for Sept 2nd to find out who the facilitators will be at the meetings.
 - Task force on Member Involvement – Kara Wilcox. The July 8th meeting was a working meeting to go through the directory to look at member involvement. There will be a mentoring program and they have identified four people. Rally day is coming up. Youth will be asked to be involved. One-on-one interviews with members will be held. The committee discussed the fall festival to see about getting a float in the parade. The next meeting will be a working meeting to go through the directory to identify involved people and potential involvement. Can we get permission for email addresses to go in the new directory? An email will go out to those who have already submitted their email addresses asking for permission.
9. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Minutes are in the packets. Gary wanted to report and discuss item number 4 of the Building and Grounds minutes: ceiling repair and painting of sanctuary. The roof was repaired; there are no more leaks; now it is time to do the drywall repair and paint. Cy Luchesi bid to repair the cracks for \$4230. There is \$2183 left from the roof fund to cover part of it. Pr. John suggested putting a letter in the Cross and Crownicle for an appeal. Dan S moved to go ahead with the drywall repair by Cy Luchesi. Kara seconded. Motion passed.
 - Education: they haven’t met since our last meeting. They are looking for a bean bag game for a tournament on rally day.
 - Evangelism: Still needs a council representative.
 - Finance/Treasurer’s Report. We had more income than budgeted. Expenses slightly exceeded income. Ytd income is over expenses by about \$6k. We had a financially good month in June.
 - Preschool Committee: No activity
 - Social Concerns: The committee is meeting this week.
 - Stewardship: Matt will organize a meeting.

- Worship and Music: Minutes are included. The handbell fundraiser has come to a standstill. As of July 9th, half of the bells were spoken for. They will meet and discuss what to do.
- Youth Ministry: The youth that were on the mission trip will be helping at the early service and outdoor service (2nd service) on the 24th. For upcoming youth activities, they are talking about an overnight event at LaserQuest in October. Tyler is talking about a trip to Great America. Warren is coordinating a lockin at NIU for confirmation age kids. It is sponsored by the NIS and Lutheran campus ministry. Cost is about \$25 per person.
- Audit Committee: No activity.
- Personnel Committee: will be meeting on August 21.
- Nominating Committee: No activity.
- Earned Income Task Force: Dan Syverson. There will be a dinner catered by Famous Dave's, along with a silent auction on rally Sunday, September 14, 2008. Donations for themed baskets are welcomed for the fundraiser.

10. Other business:

- Will do the bake sale for Katie's Cup next Sunday.
- Suggestion box – 15 out of 18 suggestions requested two worship services. There was much discussion at the council meeting. A proposal was made by Pr. John to continue the schedule as planned and give the suggestions back to Worship and Music to come up with a plan and recommendations to the council by the October council meeting. There is not time to implement changes by rally Sunday. We could present the options to the congregation at a later time.
- RALM annual meeting on September 14th. Cindy will be the Cross and Crown delegate.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Drinks, dessert, and devotion will be provided by Matt Wehby.

The October meeting will be held on October 26th at noon.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary