



## Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order: by Jan Ethington at 12:07 pm  
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Cindy Loken, Eric Drake, Dan King, Dan Syverson, Jan Ethington, Diane Peters, Brett Henbest, Allan Peters, Steve Shoudy  
Excused: Joe Chamberlain,  
Absent: Matt Wehby, Gary Powalish
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Kara Wilcox. The topic of devotions was curiosity as a gift to learn about faith.
3. Approval of Minutes September 16, 2008. A correction was made to the September minutes. Allan was excused, not absent. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Steve and seconded by Eric. Approved.
4. Assignment for feedback about this meeting: Cindy will put a summary in the Cross and Crownicle.
5. Correspondence: There was a letter from RALM about Trivia night. Cindy reported on it and invited council members to participate in the fun evening. The date is Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church and it starts at 6:00 pm with a chili supper. The trivia play begins at 7:00. Donations are needed for the silent auction (Cindy will donate two baskets. Others are welcomed.). Round sponsors are also needed. The cost is \$15 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are required. If any council member or congregation member would like to come, contact Cindy Loken or the RALM office so that the Cross and Crown members will be seated together. There was also a letter from LOMC requesting 2009 budget consideration.
6. Pastor John's Comments:
  - A Women's spiritual awareness/spiritual development retreat is planned for Nov 21 and 22.
  - The permanent video projector and screen for the worship area was installed. Thanks for your input into that decision to go ahead. Thanks to Mike Cramp, Mitch and Dan King for the work on the installation. The spaghetti dinner and movie went well – only 30 people bought tickets and over 60 came.
  - New member inquiry classes continue today and next Sunday with a gifts workshop and lunch for new members and sponsors (and council members) on November 2. The presence of council officers would help set a welcoming note. We hope to receive about nine families on November 23.
  - Next Sunday, All Saints' Day, will include the memorial candle-lighting at all services and an announcement of Commitment for 2009 opportunity (Commitment Sunday is Nov 16.).
7. Membership: Confirmands confirmed on Sept 28, 2008: Taylor Clark, Erica Cramp, Jake DiGiovanni, Jordan Giedd, Matthew Johnson, Tyler Kuborn, Kyle Paus, Kevin Peters; Katherine Dach and Mitch Dyrdaahl were also received as new members through confirmation. These members were affirmed by a vote. Dan S moved and Brett seconded to accept the new members.
8. Strategies:
  - Task force for long-range facility and staff planning. They had six congregational meetings. The notes and surveys and being tabulated now.
  - Task force on Member Involvement – Kara Wilcox and Jan Ethington. There will be an opportunity fair on November 9<sup>th</sup> to have displays set up to inform members and visitors of what is available at Cross and Crown.
9. Committee Reports
  - Building and Grounds: Installation of the screen and projector was taken on by members of the buildings and grounds committee. Warren and some of the youth have put in a garden near the gazebo. The labyrinth is being revamped because it got overgrown. Craig Carey has replaced two of the thermostats.



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- Education: Minutes are in the packets. They are looking into having the offering for the Sunday School to go through the ELCA gift program. They are planning to get the youth involved one Sunday per month in the church service.
  - Evangelism: Minutes are in our packets.
  - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Cash balance was \$29K, receipts in September were \$2400, expenses were \$2400. Income is up \$18.5k over last year. Expenses are \$11k higher than last year. We are up to date on synod payments. We are \$11,720 better than this time last year. We have a \$18,369 deficit now and last year at this time we had a \$30,089 deficit. Dan S cautioned to be aware that the financial state may have an impact on our pledge and income next year.
  - Preschool Committee: No activity.
  - Social Concerns: Collected for Carpenter's Place. Next month is the collection for Thanksgiving for Caritas and the Old Stone pantry.
  - Stewardship: The committee plans to duplicate the process from last year. It seemed to go well. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to reintroduce the automatic "Simply Giving" program during the stewardship program.
  - Worship and Music: The Christmas Carol presentation will be on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The bells are back. The bell choir will be performing next Sunday. People gave \$2800 and the repair cost \$2000. The holiday services were set and are in the committee minutes.
  - Youth: Youth will help with the service next week. There is discussion that the 2009 mission trip will be held with several other churches. Details are not defined about the ski trip. The committee will meet this week. Income from the movie/spaghetti night went into youth fund. The evening netted over \$300. About 20 youth came, but it seemed that the work needed to be better coordinated in order to better utilized the youth help.
  - Audit Committee: No activity.
  - Personnel Committee: No activity. The committee needs to meet to discuss staff salaries.
  - Nominating Committee: No activity.
  - Earned Income Task Force:
    - a. OTW funds not received.
    - b. Help is needed for selling the Bergner's books. The sale is on November 15.
    - c. The garage sale is in process. Subcommittees are started.
10. Other business: Mike Metcalf proposal. Talked about the possibility of kicking off the program for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2010. Discussion was held about sticking with the original proposal - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1 million dollars, program is voluntary. Let's go for it. Motion to give Mike the go ahead was made by Brett and seconded by Dan King and asking Mike to consult with the council on the timing by our next council meeting. Motion withdrawn after the discussion. Tell Mike that we agree with the general idea, but we need more information regarding the timeline, investment plans, etc. Kara moved that we agree with Mike's idea in concept and we would like details of the plan specifics including investments and time line to be presented at a future council meeting. Seconded by Eric. Passed. Brett will contact Mike.
11. The next meeting is Sunday, November 16, 2008 at noon. Drinks, lunch, and devotion will be provided by Matt Wehby.
12. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken  
Secretary