



Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Joe Chamberlain at 11:20 pm
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Cindy Loken, Dan King, Jan Ethington, Diane Peters, Kevin Peters, Gary Korth, Sharlene Bauer, Joe Chamberlain, Gary Powalish, Ellen Pidde
Excused: Brett Henbest
Absent: Jay Kabitzke
2. Opening devotion and lunch provided by Gary Korth.
3. Approval of Minutes April 26, 2009. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Diane and seconded by Gary K. Approved.
4. Assignment for feedback: Cindy will put a summary in the Cross and Crownicle.
5. Correspondence: A letter was received from Steve Schubert regarding a step grant for students at St. Olaf College. It consists of a contribution from the church to a church grant program for a college scholarship program. Spencer Schubert will be attending St. Olaf in the fall and the Schubert family would make a gift to the church, and the church would in turn make a contribution to the scholarship fund. St. Olaf matches up to \$1000 per student and matches up to 1.5 times. This step grant program was endorsed by the council and referred to the finance committee.
6. Pastor John's Comments:
7. Membership: May 3rd – Jacob Allen Wright, son of Chris and Laurel Wright, was received by baptism. Transfer out: May 27th - Neil II and Sandy Wyatt to Grace Lutheran, Loves Park.
8. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Had work night. They will meet this week. The pipe that froze last winter will be fixed by Gary's neighbor. Painting of clerestory will be done soon. Bathroom divider is here and will be installed soon. Howard said that the new women's restroom doors were fixed.
 - Education: Kara – met on May 12th. The adult survey results are in and they still need to be tallied. At least 30 surveys were returned. They were mostly returned from the age group of 50+. Bible school is set up for the dates of June 15 to 19. They will have something for the kids during the service like they did last summer. Retreat surveys are still coming in.
 - Evangelism: They met last week. Minutes are not completed yet. Sheila did some calls to inactive members. There are people ready to take the next new member's class when it gets scheduled. There will be a progressive dinner in November. They want to get a calendar set for a year in advance.
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Diane gave the treasurer's report. The general fund is down \$13k. Expenses are nearly right on target. Overall we are down \$3k for April. Dan reported the earned income from the rummage sale. We made \$5200 on the sale with about \$1000 coming from the plant sale and \$300 from the snacks. The bottom line is that the committee wants to do this each year about the same time, so that people can plan ahead for saving items and for attending the sale. Thanks to Jeanette Nichols and her committee. On the waterfront – Pr John sent in the information, so we have applied by the due date. We need a chairperson. Ed will help but will not chair. We need chairmen and shift supervisors. Dan will put an article in the Cross and Crownicle. One other item from the finance committee is that we will be combining our savings accounts to get a higher interest rate with the Mission Investment Fund.
 - Preschool Committee: Mary Dempsey was offered a position as an aide. She will be a good fit for the preschool. Today was the appreciation day for Linda Tolson. She was given a cross and a gift certificate for Gensler's Gardens. Jenny will take over the DCFS contacts. There are 12 openings for the 3s. The preschool probably won't be at full capacity in the fall. They may look into getting brochures ready for marketing. They may get a new sign. They budget \$200 for publicity and have not spent it and will use that money for the sign. They will put late fees into effect this year. They will give a 10% discount for multiple students in a family. Open

house and parent nights have been set. They will be asking for more help from parents and could use a youth to help give volunteer hours. They will have a stack of brochures available at VBS.

- Social Concerns: Jan reported that the minutes are in the packet. They met on the 19th of May. The committee organized a dinner at Carpenter's Place on May 29th. Thanks to the members who made the food and served the meal. It was much appreciated by the guests and staff at Carpenter's Place. Another date will be scheduled because of the great opportunity to serve and offers to help from the congregations. We will be planning a service centered around the ONE campaign.
 - Stewardship: Had to reschedule the meeting.
 - Worship and Music: Shar reported and highlighted items. Two or three handbells need a little additional repair. They will be sent after the choir performs at Tabor in June. Youth involvement on Mother's Day was appreciated. The brass players had hurt feelings because some were paid and others were not. There was much discussion about this. The committee is going to rework the summer services. Instead of weekly midweek services, there will now be a monthly family event, beginning with the event at Jan's farm.
 - Youth: - Kara gave the report. Dessert night will be held once a month. They talked about a garden and doing a pumpkin patch. The youth surveys are back and Tyler is tabulating them. Workcamp is being planned. There will be a family meeting for those attending workshop. The youth will help with 30th anniversary committee by taking pictures of events and they will do interviews with charter members and will help with church documentation. Ellen may help with that by taking photos. A couple of photographers are needed to cover every event. We need to get a date for the 30th anniversary task force committee. May do a fundraiser – car wash, etc. The Easter breakfast was phenomenal! There were great comments from council.
 - Audit Committee:
 - Personnel Committee:
 - Nominating Committee: has not met.
 - Earned Income Task Force: Dan will get a meeting together on earned income.
 - a. May Jubilee Sale: See above
 - b. On the Waterfront – need a chairman.
 - Million Dollar Program – Mike wrote up a summary of status.
 - Community Time Club task force: Sheila will be task force chairman and she will try to get a meeting set up and she will get more members.
 - 30th anniversary task force - will get a meeting set up.
9. Strategies and Critical Objectives – an updated objectives sheet was given out by Joe. Add serving at Carpenter's Place under item 3 – foster programs of outreach and visibility in the community. Add monthly dessert night to item 5. There was talk about getting a big calendar (for item 2) to post what is going on for the month. Communication. There was talk about getting T-shirts for community outreach. Weekly emails about what is coming up for the week – add to item 2.
10. St Olaf scholarship proposal.
11. Northern Illinois Synod Assembly – June 19 and 20. We need two or three people to attend. Jay, Jan, and Sharlene expressed interest. Pastor John has registrations and we needed to register by end of April.
12. Suggestion box - take members out of list of birthdays, anniversaries who are no longer here. They are inactive if they have not come for 2 years. There was not a consensus from the council.
13. The next meeting is Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 11:15. Cindy is scheduled for lunch and devotions. Ellen and Kara are excused. Diane will be late - they play bells at Tabor then. She will come when she can get here. We will meet downstairs – The Gerard open house will be upstairs and setup for vbs will also be going on.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary