



Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order: by Russ Albert at 11:10 am.
Present: John Herring, Pastor John, Dan Syverson, Eric Drake, Tyler Syverson, Kara Wilcox, Jan Ethington, Dan King,
Excused: Linda Hanson, Milly Van Valzah, Gary Powalish, John Herring
Absent: Steve Shoudy
Opening devotion given and snack provided by Kara Wilcox.
2. Approval of Minutes May 20, 2007: Motion by Russ Albert and seconded by Eric Drake. Approved.
3. Presentation by Sharlene Bauer: Meeting at Tabor. Tabor property committee voted to allow us to use the bells for five years and we will put about \$500 per year in refurbishing them. We will refurbish soon and will pay the money to do that up front, not \$500 per year. Fine print: Tabor will write down that they have the right to get bells back at any time with a six-month notice. Larry Bauer advised not to agree to fine print. We should be getting a letter from Tabor. May need to hold off for a year to refurbish, since we don't have the money budgeted. Table the decision until we get the letter from Tabor's attorney.
Sharlene wants to go to a handbell conference in Dallas and wants to use the handbell budget to do it. Trip exceeds the budget – cost is \$490, which is \$190 more than the budget. Approved.
4. Correspondence: Lifescreen people sent a thank you note.
5. Pastor John's Comments:
 - Kara Wilcox and Eric Drake were registered with Pastor John for the synod assembly on June 15 and 16. A few controversial resolutions: Eric reported. Ordained pastors who are in same-sex chaste relationships, should they be disciplined? It was declined. The other resolution was to allow same-sex chaste relationships for ordained ministers. That one passed. There was a pre-emptive war resolution – call to study. Passed.
 - Pastor John will be at campfirmation this week. Pastor Bob Dirks will lead the Thursday worship.
 - Summer Sensation, a summer Sunday school, is proposed for all ages between services for 25 minutes. It will consist of a short lesson with an opportunity for various art expressions and optional sharing at the end. Pastor John has asked Eric Drake to consider leading this – he and his wife are still thinking about it. Anticipated start date is the beginning of June and continuing through July depending on attendance. Pastor John asked for the council's blessing and consideration in helping with it. Pastor will put the lesson together and needs people to present it. He will ask "art people" to lead the art expression portion.
6. Membership: No action.
7. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Need to re-flash and repair the clerestory and will put on siding. Will come out of the capital funds budget. Motion to approve: Dan. Second by Eric. The total is not budgeted, but it is recognized that it is poor stewardship to not do it. Approved. Estimated cost of \$3200.

- Education: Looking at curriculum for next fall. About 75 students for VBS – mostly younger children. Camp confirmation starts today. Will look at getting older participants in VBS – maybe could bring them in as assistants. Need to ask Jake to consider setting something up for older grade school children.
 - Evangelism: Nametags in process again.
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Report by Dan. Good news that the earned income came in in May, but we are still down in income. Down about \$9500 for the year. Will put something in the newsletter about expenses not going away in the summer. Ed Grob said that many churches email newsletters and could save some money. Pastor John would like to send it out. The cost is only about \$55 each time, plus the yearly bulk rate permit. Dan Syverson suggested budgeting expense by month, as well as income. Will table until next month, so that Steve Shoudy can be here.
 - Preschool Committee: No report.
 - Social Concerns: No meeting.
 - Stewardship: Starting on a plan for the fall. The May minutes are included in the council mailboxes. Plan and timeline is laid out. May include a thank-you for people who gave commitment cards.
 - Worship and Music: Proposal by Shar to attend the conference using the bell music budget. Can take the balance of the cost from the worship supply budget. Motion to approve by Eric, second by Kara.
 - Youth Ministry: Tyler reported. Successful VBS. Kids loved the cicadas. Will be starting Wednesday night senior high meetings. This week will be at Tyler's house for swimming and paintball.
 - Audit Committee:
 - Personnel Committee:
 - Nominating Committee:
 - Earned Income Task Force: Fall Art and Craft Fair – Sept 8 and 9. Now called Midwest Family Festival of Fine Art and Crafts. Mike is receiving some registrations. Need a meeting of committee heads.
8. Strategy and Specific Objective developments
9. Other business: Progress on sign publicity/feedback process on web and narthex display. Will need some internal marketing to get consensus from the congregation. Maybe could have council people attend committee meetings to get input from the committees and then their support. Pastor John suggests that a committee be formed, including Dan Syverson, to have a timeline and plan to market the sign proposal to get congregation involvement, feedback, and support. Motion by Pastor to form a marketing task force. Seconded by Kara. Pastor, Dan, Russ will be on the committee and will ask Lisa Albert and John Herring to also be on the committee. Approved.
10. Assignment for feedback from this meeting: Will decide on a feedback date after the task force meets.
11. The next meeting will be on August 19, 2007 at 11:00 am.
12. Milly will provide lunch and a devotion.
13. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 12:19.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary



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