



Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2007

1. Call Meeting to Order: by Russ Albert at 12:13 pm.
Present: John Herring, Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Eric Drake, Jan Ethington, Dan King, Gary Powalish, Milly Van Valzah, Steve Shoudy, Cindy Loken
Excused:
Absent: Dan Syverson, Tyler Syverson, Linda Hanson
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Russ Albert. The topic of the devotion is "This is a day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Council members were invited to share.
3. Approval of Minutes August 19, 2007: Motion by John and seconded by Gary.
4. RALM Delegate Assembly is today at 7:00 at Zion. Ratify budget and elect a delegate. RALM trivial night and silent auction fundraiser is on Friday, October 26th at Grace Lutheran in Loves Park. RALM is looking for churches to have a table of about 6 members who are good at trivia to participate.
5. Pastor John's Comments:
 - Thanks to Mike Metcalf for work on art fair.
 - Thanks to Ed and Milly for On the Waterfront. We don't have results yet.
 - Family fest – hosted by Jan. Encourage families to attend.
 - Worship in the park – attendance down a bit, but a good time was had.
 - Labyrinth work day – Sept 22nd.
 - Workroom is being updated. Painted by Russ and Lisa.
 - Russ did an announcement on the roof repair appeal at all services today.
 - Pr John gave permission to Kofloski family for funeral reception today.
6. Membership: Received by baptism – Elijah Ryan Shipman on August 19th.
7. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Will meet this week. Russ mentioned that another company wanted to bid on the roof repair.
 - Education: Rally day was today. Sunday School program is in full swing. Bible 101 class will be starting soon. New member class will be starting soon.
 - Evangelism: Discussion that on October 27th there will be a fall harvest dinner.
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Report by Dan. Early RoRo Expo registration is \$100 instead of \$125. In Finance report: Joe suggested preparing two budgets as described in the finance minutes, with one excluding growth challenge amounts. Committee is looking for additional auditors. Messages have been left with Jim Lally and Bill Clemens. Motion by Dan and seconded by John to approve early RoRo Expo registration.
 - Two budget proposal request: committees to do their budgets by month.
 - Treasurer's report: Total cash on hand was down by 11k this month. Want to get people to think about growth challenge throughout the year. August income is usually down. There are five Sundays in September. Income comparing this to last year down by 2700, earned income down by 3K. Spent about \$4500 more this year, but we are at our budget. About the same place as last year overall. Pr. John made some corrections to the terminology used in the finance report.

There are not deficits. Committees are requested to get budgets in next month. An additional column will be added to reflect the income/expense trends, instead of doing two budgets. Dan King suggested a churchwide garage sale as a fundraiser.

- Preschool Committee: Linda Tolson said that the summer cleaning person suggested cleaning the bathroom fan to prevent a fire. There is a dip in the sidewalk where children trip and needs to be fixed.
- Social Concerns: Minutes of the August 30th meeting are included. There will be a clothing drive in October, and there will also be a walk fundraiser for Carpenter's Place on October 6th. Could we get people for a Cross and Crown team? Sue Arntzen will give more information in the next couple of weeks.
- Stewardship: They are looking for testimonies from council members and give to Eric Peterson in the next week. You can get his email in the Cross and Crownicle. Pr John is encouraging council members to participate.
- Worship and Music: Milly said they are meeting tomorrow night. They will be working on the budget.
- Youth Ministry: No report.
- Sign task force: Not much activity. Pastor John suggested modifying our current sign, because of the reduced cost. Timing is not right for an appeal for the funds for the new sign now.
- Audit Committee:
- Personnel Committee:
- Nominating Committee:
- Earned Income Task Force: Need to begin planning for next year. Meeting date: October 9th, Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.
- Mission Gathering at St. Mark on Thursday October 18th.

8. Strategy and Specific Objective developments

9. Other business:

10. Assignment for feedback from this meeting:

11. The next meeting will be on October 21st, 2007 at noon.

12. Eric will provide lunch and a devotion.

13. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Loken
Secretary