



Church Council Meeting Minutes October 21, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order: by Dan King at 12:10 pm.
Present: Pastor John, Kara Wilcox, Eric Drake, Dan King, Gary Powalish, Milly Van Valzah, Steve Shoudy, Cindy Loken, Dan Syverson, Tyler Syverson
Excused: Russ Albert, John Herring, Jan Ethington
Absent:
2. Opening devotion given and lunch provided by Eric Drake.
Study was from Luke – Jesus in his youth.
3. Approval of Minutes September 16, 2007: Motion by Eric and seconded by Milly.
4. 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.
There will be a financial seminar on Saturday, November 17th at First Congregational Church in Roscoe. Charge is \$25 per person. Congregation is invited to attend.
Congregational Resourcing Event will be on March 8th at Kishwaukee College. Keynote speaker is Prof Ralph Klein.
5. Pastor John's Comments:
 - Pr. John and Cindy attended the RALM annual meeting. Mariel Heinke will speak at all 3 services on November 18th on commitment Sunday. She will show the Park PLAYers video.
 - Thanks to Russ for roof appeal. Took in over \$1400 so far. We will be having a pie auction on November 11th.
6. Membership: Received as new members through confirmation were Devin DiGiovanni and Tyler Dunkel. Wendy Arntzen, Tyler Bauer, Courtney Hanke, Ariel Herr, Jeff Lewis, Lauren Neitzel, Samuel Smith, and Allison Taylor were affirmed by confirmation. A motion to accept was made by Milly and seconded by Linda.
7. Committee Reports
 - Building and Grounds: Had a meeting on Wednesday. Did the budget. Need to get Mr. Christianson to make a bid for the roof repair. New faucet in the kitchen was installed by Greg Loken. Steve Schubert is working on the posts and chain replacement. Will cost about \$100. New banners will be made for the front. Howard will work on a method to hang them. Next meeting is on November 28th, 6:00 pm.
 - Education: New member class will be starting today. Committee did not meet. Bible 101 class is going well on Wednesday nights. Eric says it is an eye-opening class.
 - Evangelism: Minutes were provided. Progressive dinner on Dec 1, plus the harvest dinner on the 27th of October. Is the RoRo Expo worth the money?
 - Finance/Treasurer's Report: Report by Dan. Finance did budget for administrative needs. Two budget proposal requests: committees to do their budgets by month. Two volunteers for audit committee are Diane Peters and Bill Clemens.
 - Treasurer's report: Steve – Financial summary. The 5th September Sunday will be reported in October totals. Came out about 3k down. Overall is down about 27k year to date. Pledged giving is up but earned income is down, so about the same spot as last year. Expenses are up by \$5400 to date from last year to this year.



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- Preschool Committee: Statement in Cross and Crownicle about openings.
 - Social Concerns: Minutes of the October 4th meeting are included. There will be a clothing drive in October, Souperbowl for Caring – Cindy listened to the ELCA information call.
 - Stewardship: Minutes are included. Timeline for stewardship drive. Gathering of commitments on November 18th. The theme is to celebrate our ministries.
 - Worship and Music: Met right after last council meeting. Will be doing the budget at the meeting this week. Tabor people signed the contract for the bells and the letter will be coming soon.
 - Youth Ministry: Haven't met. Meeting will be on Wednesday to do the budget. They will be doing a coupon book for a fundraiser. The cost is \$25. Mission trip will be in Smithers, WV. Cost is \$399 per person. Ski trip is in the planning stage – will be a Lutheran facility about 2 hours away on Martin Luther King weekend.
 - 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: Diane Peters and Bill Clemens.
 - Personnel Committee: Need to meet to set budget for personnel. November 3rd at 10:00. The officers and the past president.
 - Nominating Committee: Will need to meet. Will need to fill 3 positions plus a youth representative. Milly, John Herring, and Linda will be outgoing. Linda was filling a 1-year term. Maybe she would be willing to serve again.
 - Earned Income Task Force: Need to begin planning for next year. Meeting date: October 18th, Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Have art fair chair for next year. Need to have a spring event – we don't have a chair for the auction. The committee is open to suggestions. OTW earned \$2000 this year, an increase because of the difficult record-keeping process. We were paid a flat rate of \$10 per volunteer hour.
8. Strategy and Specific Objective developments
 9. Other business: Mission Gathering – Cindy and Steve. Neither attended the meeting. Go over the budget and cut out anything possible – homework. Do the budget with the bare bones and see what is extra by the next meeting. Dan presented budget proposal. Not comfortable with current budgeting process and planning. Earned income – fundraiser for the parking lot - worked well. Project was specific, needs were shown, costs were clear, short time frame. Good response. Youth projects were specifically targeted for certain events. They are funding their own programs. Dan – doesn't like to include the amounts for special projects in the budgets, since the amounts are unknown. Tie in with that – if we have a basic budget, have nothing to apologize for going to the congregation saying we need this amount for a bare bones budget. Can express need in terms of amount per giving unit – ask for increase in amount or percentage. Need to get very specific in what the needs are. Suggestion is to keep the earned income money separate from the general budget, because it is an unknown. Earned income was about 3% for this year.
 10. Assignment for feedback from this meeting:
 11. The next meeting will be on November 18th, 2007 at noon.
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12. Jan 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