

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2008

“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live out, lift up and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our family of believers.”

Attending: April Beckman, Tom Burton, Michael Harvey, Judy Lee, Lynora Miller, George Poch, Joel Pralle, Ted Saxman, John Sprenger, Ruth Weispfenning, Dorothy Zemke, and Elaine Gittus.

The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Weispfenning. (The Vice-President, Bill Cochran, has been in the hospital and was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.) Michael Harvey gave the opening devotion.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed.

Old Business:

Ruth Weispfenning told us the **Planning for the Future Committee** has not met since our last Council meeting, but has another meeting scheduled soon.

The **Expense Review Committee** has nothing to report at this time.

Pastor Jim was not present at tonight’s meeting, but has given us a written report. The **75th Anniversary** invitations will be going out this week. Current Redeemer members are asked to send out their own invitations to family members who may be living out of town and were former members of Redeemer. At this point we have had positive responses from the following former pastors: Polansky, Wiebold, Schleicher and Henslin; also from former Parish Assistant Carol Bode. Former DCE Paul Krentz sent a letter of greeting, but apparently is not going to be able to attend.

Ruth Weispfenning reported that the **Emergency Preparedness Team** has nothing to report at this time.

The **Nominating Committee** presented the Slate of Candidates for offices and boards for the upcoming year. These will be voted on at the Voters’ Meeting next Tuesday evening, May 20, starting at 6:30 P.M.

Randy Wendt, a member of the Steering Committee for the **Fan Into Flame** program, reported on the progress of the program and handed out brochures which will be included in this Sunday’s bulletin. He also handed out pledge cards and explained how the financial commitments to this program can be paid. He also asked members of the Council to do a preliminary pledge so that we can come to the congregation and indicate that “this much” has already been pledged by the committee, the Council, and the Sarah Circle. The goal for Redeemer has been set at \$60,000, but we would like to reach the \$75,000 level in honor of Redeemer’s 75th Anniversary.

15% of the total from our church will come back to our congregation and will be put toward the start-up of the Pre-school this fall; 15% will go to the District; 20% will be sent to the National office; and the 50% remainder will go to support International programs. A guest speaker will be at our church on June 7 and 8, and Commitment opportunities are tentatively scheduled for June 12, 14, & 15; and June 19, 21, & 22. The main focus of this program is missional work not the money. It is a 3-year commitment for pledges under \$5,000 and a 5-year payment plan for those pledges over \$5,000.

Initial monies will be collected by Redeemer; however, the remainder of the pledges will be handled by St. Louis. In closing, Randy urged the congregational members to pray for the success of the Ablaze Program and also to support it financially.

George Poch had received a letter from Lynn Schoppers in regard to the new **Pre-School proposal**. All applications for financial help have been filled out, we are waiting for the Fire Department to make an inspection, RCLS is planning a June Open House at Redeemer for prospective students and parents can visit; new and additional toys, etc., are in the process of being ordered; and Principal Pahlkotter will be visiting Redeemer on Sunday, May 18 to take applications and answer questions.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business:

An Agenda for the upcoming May 20th **Voters' Meeting** was discussed. Some of the items to be included are the election of officers for next church year, the Pre-school program, reports from committees/boards, final update on the 75th Anniversary celebration, and planning for the future and Fan Into Flame.

Board Chairmen, please note: Please plan on being present at this May meeting and come prepared to give a verbal report from your particular committee/board. (Also please have a written copy to hand to the secretary with highlights of your presentation to include in the Minutes.)

Ted Saxman reported that we have received word that our **Missionary support** of the May family will be terminated as they are going to be returning to the States this summer. We have been offered another missionary family to help financially, namely, Pastor Jack Gillard, who was at First Trinity in Minneapolis and will be going to Uganda in October. Pastor Gillard will be invited to be at the Voters' Meeting next Tuesday so that the congregation can meet him and hear his plans. The congregation needs to decide whether or not we want to continue to support a missionary family, and if they decide to support Pastor Gillard, he could be invited to preach at Redeemer sometime this Fall before he leaves for Uganda. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we invite him to the May Voters' Meeting and to ask the voters whether or not we wish to continue to support a missionary.

An Amended Motion was then made to have a "Meet and Greet" only meeting next Tuesday night with Pastor Gillard. There was a second to the motion, and it passed. Ruth will make the phone call to invite him to the meeting.

Pastor Jim had asked Ruth to suggest to the Boards and Committees that they have some sort of picnic or get-together as this year closes. Ruth extended an invitation to the Council to meet at their place for a picnic at a date to be decided. A final decision will be made at the June Meeting.

Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports

President's Report:

Ruth Weispfenning

She had a newsletter from the District which she offered to Council members to read.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Burton

Tom had Treasurer's Reports to be distributed and went over some of the items in the report. Financially, we are doing well. He also talked about slightly changing the procedure used to count

monies, enter the data into the computer, etc. He also discussed the Dedicated Accounts that could be taken out of our books. He will talk more about this at another meeting.

Church Growth

Judy Lee

This Board has been assigned the task of producing publicity for the new Pre-School, so they will get together with Lynn Schoppers at their June meeting. Also, they have decided to include a tour of the church for new members after they are presented at the late service. The last New Member Sunday was a success with 7 family units joining. They are also working on a survey to give to new members after they have been here for 3 or 4 months, and are also working on a new Guideline Book for new members.

Board of Education

George Poch

The Board met tonight and discussed the Pre-school, the May 18th Sunday School Teacher Recognition Program (and also the last day of Sunday School until next Fall). Apparently a Lutheran High School is again on the radar as a slight blip!

Board of Elders

Joel Pralle

The Elders have continued to study Holy Communion thanks to a presentation from Pastor Rance. The Elders voted unanimously to keep our statement about Holy Communion in the weekly bulletin as it is. The Elders feel that Redeemer is meeting the guidelines as established by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at this time. The Elders have also encouraged the staff to think about including Holy Communion as an upcoming bible study/class topic.

Family Life

Michael Harvey

There will be an entirely new Board starting in August.

Fund Development

John Sprenger

No new news from this area.

Health Cabinet

No one Present from this committee.

Human Concerns

Kay Fockler (via email)

Redeemer hosted IHN last week and started the week with three families (13 people).

RLCW

Dorothy Zemke

The Spring Salad event went well last week. They are busy planning for the 75th Anniversary celebration, and Sandy Weiden will be the new President and will be the Council representative.

Board of Stewardship

Ted Saxman

See the report about the missionaries we support given above.

Board of Trustees

No report as no one was present from this Board.

Youth Ministry

Lynora Miller

They plan to have the refurbishing of the Youth Room completed by the 75th Anniversary Sunday and need to get rid of a sofa and a chair. They are looking at another servant event in Stockton soon; having a Celebrate the Graduate on June 14 with a pizza party and games; a trip to Valley Fair on June 30; a couple of Twins' games, paintballing and camping. They are also planning to do a

fundraiser at Pizza Ranch to raise the funds for a possible servant event in Chicago next year, and also doing a fundraiser for Charlie Hinsch early in September.

Staff Reports

DCE Report

Michael Harvey

Michael has been coaching a group of Redeemer young adults to set up a young adult summer ministry as there is nothing in the current church schedule that is for this group of young people. Some events will take place at the church, and some will be off-site. He is also looking at setting up a Family Retreat; the last session of KINDLE is coming up; VBS plans are going well, but they need some drivers to pick up children and bring them to VBS.

He also asked the Council members to pray for a decision to be made whether or not he will be traveling with his sister-in-law and her husband as they travel to Moscow to pick up twins they will be adopting from Russia. He would be gone from May 29 – June 10.

DPM Report

April Beckman

She thanked all who shared in the Music Service last Sunday and who have participated in all of the music groups throughout the year. Her recital at Concordia went well, and she invited everyone to the Recital that she will be giving this coming Sunday afternoon at Redeemer at 3:30 P.M. The Spring Choir will sing this coming Sunday at the 2nd service. She is also finishing preparations for her June absence from Redeemer to attend Graduate School in Wisconsin.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim was attending a Pastors' Conference so was not at the meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Rance

Pastor Rance was also attending the Pastors' Conference and was not at the meeting.

A motion was made seconded and was carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M. Michael Harvey gave the closing prayer.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2008, beginning at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Gittus, Secretary

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

| | New Members | Continuing |
|---|---|--|
| President (0) | | Bill Cochran (2009) |
| Vice-President (President elect) (1) | Scott Okuno (2010) | |
| Secretary (1) | | Elaine Gittus (2009) |
| Treasurer (0) | | Tom Burton (2009) |
| Financial Secretary (0) | Gloria Poch (2010) Lois Leuth (2010) | Marge Rengstorf (2009) |
| Elders (0) | | Al Schacht (2011), Joel Pralle (2011), Scott Brandt (2011), Mark Gennrich (2009), Randy Hellickson (2009), Larry Stoen (2009), Tim Strohschein (2009), Jeff Lee (2009), Mick Reese (2009), Darin Grewe (2009), Bob Keith (2010), Mike Sonnabend (2010), Don Zemke (2010), Jim Peterson (2010), Jeff Schoppers (2010) |
| Trustees (1) | Harlan Gerke (2010) | Gordy Rupkalvis (2009), Paul Johnson (2009), Doug Koepsell (2009), Dick Valde (2009), Brant Schimmel (2009), Gordy Hinsch 2009), Dan Hildestad (2009) |
| Education | Leslie Rivas (2010) Linda Neterval (2010) | Lynette Miller (2009), George Poch (2009), Marcia Cochran (2009), Jenny Zmina (2009), Lynette Miller (2009), Beth Hanson (2009) |
| Stewardship | Kristie Klatt (2010) Roger Wrase (2010) | Ellie and Doug Jerde (2009), Steve Fingerson (2009) |
| Youth Ministry | Shelly Sturdevant (2010) | Pat Fitch (2009), LuAnn Haack (2009), Melissa Haring (2009), Bryce Beckman (2009), Tim and Sandy Batterson (2009) |
| Family Life (4-5) | Mary Hepinstall (2010) Jill Fick (2010) KrisAnne Nelson (2010) Tara Pike (2010) Janelle Miller (2010) | Jean Michaelis (2009) |
| Church Growth (2) | Jill Swihart (2010) | Sherri Hoffmann (2009), Michelle Kazos (2009, Judy Lee (2009) |
| Human Concerns | Kris Otto (2010) Phyllis Pinnow (2010) | Kay Fockler (2009), Bob Vehrenkamp (2009), Rosie Petersen (2009), Darla Karstens (2009?) |
| Fund Development (1) | Judy Berschet (2011) | Glenn Prehn (2009), Sherri Hoffmann (2010) |