

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING June 10, 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: Tom Burton, Bill Cochran, Kay Fockler, Don Knick, Judy Lee, Lynora Miller, George Poch, Ted Saxman, Pastor Rance, John Sprenger, Dick Valde, Ruth Weispfenning, and Elaine Gittus.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Cochran. Lynora Miller gave the opening devotion.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed.

Old Business:

Ruth Weispfenning told us the **Planning for the Future Committee** has been working on their Vision statement, and is almost ready to empower the Boards and Committees to continue with the implementation of this Vision into the life of our congregation.

Tom Burton said that the **Expense Review Committee** has basically completed their review of past expenses, and that no expenses as percentage of revenue seemed out of proportion. They will do another update in January after the 2008 expenses are completed, and then will suspend their work.

Pastor Jim was not present at tonight’s meeting, but had asked that the Council designate a recipient for the offering on the Celebration Sunday, June 29. It was moved, seconded and carried that the funds be designated for Fan Into Flame.

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

George Poch had received a letter from Lynn Schoppers updating the Board of Education on the progress of the Pre-school project. She reported they did not get the LCEF grant they had applied for, but have other grants yet to apply for. They are still waiting for the Fire Marshal’s approval. They are planning a 2nd Open House for June 25 and will canvass a wider area of the neighborhood. Lynn will also be meeting with the Church Growth Committee in regard to working together for Christian growth.

The next item on the Agenda was the topic of **missionary support**. Many positive comments have been heard after Pastor Gillard’s presentation at the last Voters’ Meeting. After some discussion, the motion was made that we bring a recommendation to the Voters that we support Pastor Gillard when he goes to Uganda to pursue his missionary undertaking. This will be brought to a special Voters’ Meeting to be held between services on July 27 at 9:00 A.M. The motion was seconded and passed. Tom Burton will check with St. Louis as to when our support of the Mays family will be concluded.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business:

There will be **no Church Council meeting in July**. The next meeting will be August 12, 2008, when the new Council members will be in place. And it was decided **not to have a Church Council picnic** as some Boards and Committees will be having their own get-togethers.

Ruth W. announced that there were some additions and deletions to the final Slate of Candidates that was approved at the last Voters’ Meeting. They are: delete the Jerdes from the Stewardship Committee, and add Kevin and Kelly Kruse to the Board of Church Growth. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the above changes. There are a couple of vacancies on Boards still to be filled.

At the next upcoming **Council Orientation** session, the Planning Committee will have a couple of items to be included to that Agenda. Date of the meeting to be decided later.

Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports

President's Report: Ruth Weispfenning

She thought the Voters' Meeting had gone well, and this will be her last Council meeting. She thanked everyone for their help and cooperation during her term in office.

Treasurer's Report Tom Burton

Tom reported that contributions had fallen during May, and the month shows a negative balance between income and expenditures. However, there were a couple of large bills that were paid during the month -- \$5,000 for the Anniversary History books, and a \$3,500 payment made to RCLS, which had not been scheduled to have been paid until later. Tom will continue to monitor the changes if there have been changes in the normal costs and report on that at the August meeting.

Church Growth Judy Lee

The next New Member Sunday has been scheduled for July 13. At present there are 5 family units (approximately 10) scheduled to be accepted into membership. They are working on a tour of the church facilities to be included for new members after they have been presented at the second service. The Board has met with Lynn Schoppers regarding publicity for the new Pre-school, and the Board's main job is to spread the word as best they can.

Board of Education George Poch

The Board met tonight and discussed the Pre-school, and staffing of Sunday School for next year. There are still a few teacher vacancies to be filled. Joleen Heining informed the Board they have received a grant of \$500 to install some additional shelves in the Library. VBS is pretty well organized at this point, and the 2008-09 schedule of topics for the Adult Bible Classes is already completed.

Board of Elders Joel Pralle (via an email)

Randy Hellickson will be the new Chairman of the Elders next year. The Elders will be having a picnic in July, and they will also be helping with Staff evaluations to be completed soon. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the list of "C" members from the Monthly Pastor's Report be removed from our membership roles. These inactive members have been contacted numerous times, but have not responded, so will be removed from the active status.

Family Life

No one was present from this Board.

Fund Development John Sprenger

We have a balance of \$88,000+ in this fund. A CD will come due in December, so the new Committee will have to decide at that time where to invest those funds.

Health Cabinet Don Knick

Don had handed out copies of the latest monthly report he had received from Jan Dicke, our Parish Nurse, which detailed her activities. They are also looking for some new members for their Cabinet as the present ones have been working several years and are ready to be retired.

Human Concerns Kay Fockler

Nothing to report tonight.

RLCW

No one was present to report.

Board of Stewardship

Ted Saxman

See the report about the missionaries we support given above.

Board of Trustees

Dick Valde

A Christ Care group has offered to paint the metal grates and window wells painted. The walnut tree on the North side of the parking lot has been removed, and the fix-up of the bathroom near the kitchen has been completed. Our new church Newsletter is due out for the July issue; and sidewalk repairs will be done by a member of the congregation.

Youth Ministry

Lynora Miller

Youth will be visiting Bethesda in two weeks, and Valley Fair Day has been scheduled for June 30, with a Twins game on July 21, 22, or August 27. They are also working on a Benefit for Charlie Hinsch scheduled for August 10, which will be a Belgian waffle meal. Wrestling mothers and Baseball mothers are helping with this event, and they are looking for items for a Silent Auction. It will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Staff Reports

DCE Report

(Michael should be back in the United States tonight.)

DPM Report

April is attending Grad School in Wisconsin.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim was attending a training session in St. Louis.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Rance

Pastor Rance reported that the State Pastors' Conference was a great experience, and the main topic discussed was co-habitation before marriage and how the church might deal with this issue. He had a wedding on May 24, and has finished pre-marital counseling for May and June, and announced that Mae Eickhoff had passed away that day.

A motion was made seconded and was carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. Pastor Rance gave the closing prayer.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 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)	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) Kevin & Kelly Kruse (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)