

*"As Christians based on the solid foundation 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."*

## **MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 9, 2010**

**PRESENT:** April Beckman, Tom Burton, Michael Harvey, Pastor Jim Heining, Dan Hildestad, Kristie Klatt, Lynora Miller, Krisanne Nelson, Pastor Rance Settle, Larry Stoen, Patti Tackmann, Judy Berschet.

**DEVOTIONS:** Lynora Miller gave the opening devotions, based on Jeremiah 31.

Vice President Patti Tackmann called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of the January 12th council meeting were approved as printed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pastor Leadership Institute: Pastor Rance was nominated and is interested in attending the Pastoral Leadership Institute. Pastor Jim stated that it is an excellent program. The cost is \$3,700 annually (subject to change) for four years, to be paid by Redeemer, and an additional \$1,000 annually, contributed by Pastor Rance. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to support Pastor Rance's participation with 2010 fees coming from Undesignated Council Fund. Several options were discussed for future fundraising.

Nominating Committee: We need to have the names of those who will remain on their board for another year submitted to Judy before our next council meeting as we must have the new officers nominated by the May, 2010 voter's meeting. Board of Elder terms are three years, all others are for two years. We will need to find a rep from Elders and Education, along with the President, Vice-President, and at least one Member at Large. Suggestions named at this meeting for the nominating committee are: Mark Gennrich, Ruth Weispfenning, Leslie Rivas, Delores McGillivray, Anita Werle, and Bill Cochran. Scott Okuno will contact the suggested people to see if they are willing to serve on the nominating committee.

Council Constitution Review and possible reorganization: It has been suggested in the past that a small group get together to review the current Council Constitution and discuss what is currently working for the council and what enhancements could be made, if any. Several suggestions included: fewer meetings (but still expect good results); have board reports ahead of time so they can be included as consent agenda items for meetings; are we seeking two separate things – church management versus governance; select coordinators to keep in touch with committees and report to council.

Pastor Jim moved to have a meeting to review our constitution. A small committee will work on the side to review the current constitution and to brainstorm ideas to bring back to the council for review. Current council members to include: Pastor Jim, Scott Okuno, Michael Harvey, Larry Stoen, and Patti Tackmann. It was also suggested we ask a couple past council members to join the group for input from past experience (suggested names Ruth Weispfenning and Dick Valde). Motion was seconded and approved.

### **Officer, Board and Cabinet Reports**

**President's report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Burton reviewed the Treasurer's report. Year-to-Date net income equals \$12,394.00. Available funds are \$47,038. Report was approved as written.

**Church Growth:** None

**Board of Education:** Michael Harvey stated the board has not met. Financial Peace University class is well attended with 56 people signed up. Bright Night and VBS planning.

**Board of Elders:** Larry Stoen stated the Elders have decided after much discussion to not reorganize at this time.

**Board of Family Life:** Krisanne Nelson reported scrapbooking event hopefully in March. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have been brainstorming to come up with some different activities for the egg hunt

**Fund Development:** None

**Health Cabinet:** None

**Human Concerns:** None

**RCLW:** None

**Board of Stewardship:** Kristie Klatt stated the survey results from time and talent sheets have been generated. Copies will be distributed to the board chairs. A reminder to contact the church office if you need or use volunteers so it can be documented.

Update on Fan the Flame participation: As of September 30, 2009 we have collected \$42,160.03. Our total pledge is \$70,500. We are amazed that 41 out of 88 pledges have been fulfilled. The remaining pledges have until the end of 2010 to be completed.

**Board of Trustees:** Dan Hildestad reported items to be completed this spring include Spring Clean-up Day April 24th, fuse boxes, chapel light vents, re-tile elevator floor.

**Youth Ministries:** Lynora Miller stated funding-raising continues for their 2010 events. They have approx 40-50 people signed up for the Valentine's dinner, Sub sandwiches sales were successful, Pizza Ranch Stewartville February 16<sup>th</sup>. (10% of profits and all tips go to the youth who work this event).

**DPM Report:** April Beckmann (see attachment)

**DCE Report:** Michael Harvey (see attachment)

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jim stated a trip to the Holy Land is being planned for this spring. Thanks to Lynette and Lynora for their help in the office while Chris was out on leave.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Rance is preparing for mid week and Holy Week Lenten services. 8<sup>th</sup> grade communion in April. (see attachment for additional items).

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Berschet, Secretary

**Pastor Rance Settle:** February 2010

**Looking Back (January):**

- Celebrating God’s Grace classes begin – 1/6
- Grab Bag Movie Night – 1/8
- Annual Congregational Meeting – 1/17
- Stephen Ministry – Weather kept us from meeting
- Winkel – 1/21 Our Savior, Eyota
- Iva Kitzmann Parish Nurse Commissioning – 1/30;1/31

**Looking Ahead (February):**

- Preparation for all Mid-Week and Holy Week Lenten services
- Stephen Ministry – continue study on C.S. Lewis’ “A Grief Observed”
- Lord’s Supper Orientation for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands – 2/10
- Gospel of Matthew Bible Study class

**Family:**

- Chloe’s new seizure medication seems to have little side effects so far. Please pray that this remains the case as we seek treatment for her.

**DPM Report – January 2010**

- Thank you to so many who provided music during the Christmas season
- Choirs start Jan. 6
- Music & Worship committee will meet to plan music through March
- Start up Sunday school visiting again – January topic is on the Organ
- Attend Confirmation Retreat (Jan. 29-30)
- Play at Organ Event in Edina on Jan. 16
- Continue Organ Lessons, register for summer courses at CUW

**DCE Report-** *Growing in Christ in February 2010!*

**Bits:**

- Connection Ministry Mentor Training will occur in the coming weeks!
- Confirmation retreat went well!

**In Coming!**

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| - Guitar Practice w/ youth | As Able      | - Valentines Dinner           | Feb. 14    |
| - Chapel Practices         | Tuesdays     | - Connection Leadership       | Feb. 15    |
| - RCLS Chapel              | Wednesdays   | - Youth Pizza Ranch           | Feb. 16    |
| - Confirmation             | Wednesdays   | - Ash Wednesday               | Feb. 17    |
| - Celebration Practice     | Feb. 3,10,27 | - Lead RCLS Chapel            | Feb. 17    |
| - Elders                   | Feb. 2       | - Teach CGG                   | Feb. 17    |
| - Super bowl Subs          | Feb. 6       | - Cluster Group               | Feb. 18    |
| - Boards and Council       | Feb. 9       | - Play and Pray Haack Wedding | Feb. 20    |
| - Program Staff            | Feb. 10      | - All Youth Meeting           | Feb. 21    |
| - Mission 2012 Meet        | Feb. 11      | - Shout!                      | Feb. 21    |
| - Circuit Pastors          | Feb. 11      | - YES Group                   | Feb. 21    |
| - Set up for Valentines    | Feb. 13      | - NYG Planning Lg Grp         | Feb. 22    |
| - Celebration Service      | Feb. 14      | - Youth Lock in               | Feb. 26-27 |