

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.”

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2011

PRESENT: Tim Batterson, Judy Berschet, Tom Burton, Kay Fockler, Andy Hanson, Michael Harvey, Dan Hildestad, Pastor Jim Heining, Jess Ihrke, Leslie Rivas, Larry Stoen, Patti Tackmann and Sandy Weiden.

Call to Order: 8:05 p.m. Vice President, Jessica Ihrke

Opening Devotion: Leslie Rivas
Philippians 1: 4-5

Approval of May 2011 Minutes
(Motion: T. Burton, 2nd Motion: L. Stoen)

NEW BUSINESS: Program Update: God-Given Strengths Development

Pastor Jim shared a proposal to the Church Council that builds upon our Redeemer mission and “Big Hairy Audacious Goal.” The proposal asked the Council to consider a theme of the “Joy of Serving” and seeks to help each member of our congregation further develop and define a list of their God-given gifts/strengths. It also has a goal of helping members better live out their God-Given strengths joyfully within our church walls and in God’s greater kingdom. The proposal was discussed and supported by called staff and further identified next steps in potentially moving this from concept to implementation congregation-wide.

Motion made by L. Rivas in support of the theme: *Joy of Serving* and further development of the proposal for further council discussion and implementation. D. Hildebrandt made 2nd motion. **Motion carried** with one abstaining (T. Burton).

NEW BUSINESS: Safe-Church Funding

M. Harvey and D. Hildestad reported that the Safe Church committee is ready to move into a phased implementation of background checks for all adult volunteers/members working with children (18 and under). This is in conjunction with Redeemer’s new safe church policy to ensure we remain and are doing everything possible to be a “safe church.”

Safe Church plans to begin testing the policy and the procedures with VBS by running checks on the staff, In order to do this, the committee requested \$1000 in funding. The funding request also covers the first phase along with additional checks needed throughout the year. It also allows Redeemer to subscribe to Protect My Ministry a partner of the LCMS. This company runs background checks but also has a service to keep track of our volunteers and keep their info confidential.

The council discussed adding this as a budget line item in the 2012 budget within education.

T. Burton motioned for the funding from designated council funds of \$1000 for the personnel background checks. Pastor J. Heining made 2nd motion. **The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Church Council Picnic

J. Ihrke presented a potential date for the annual Church Council picnic. Due to Rally Day festivities, the council moved this date to **Sunday, August 28, 2011.** Jess will confirm location with President P. Tackmann.

NEW BUSINESS: Installation of New Council/Board/Committee Members

Council approved the date of **Sunday, August 14, 2011** for the official installation of new council/board/committee members.

BOARD REPORTS

President: No additional reports.

Treasurer: Income less expenses -\$454.00. Cash Available \$42,649.00. Mortgage Balance: \$497,123.00
Council approved (Motion L. Stoen, 2nd Motion, D. Hildestad)

Church Growth: Planning for National Night Out. New Member Sunday August 14th.

Education: Planning for the transition between this year and the next with more empowerment to new committees of the Sunday School Task Force and Sunday School Curriculum committee.

An additional member to the Curriculum committee representing the younger grades is being pursued. We are doing a book study over the summer with a book George Poch brought forward, to help create a vision of the curriculum for our youth.

Elders: Elders extensively discussed Pastor Rance's call from the Prior Lake parish. Activating committee gave a report on responses received from letters sent to inactive members.

L. Stoen brought forward a request to council to approve the requested release of Kenneth Kalk. The council approved the request.

Health Cabinet: No report.

Human Concerns: Participating in a community Ice Cream Social on July 23, 2011.

RLCW: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Trustees: Trustees are working on air conditioning and re-carpeting of Sunday School rooms this month. Upper Sunday School room work begins June 24th.

Youth Ministry: Chicago this week. Valley Fair soon. Up Coming activities include: Bethesda and Waffle Breakfast. Please pray for the youth group on their upcoming events.

STAFF REPORTS:

M. Harvey prepares for the Youth Chicago Trip and requested prayers for the youth and volunteers. Fourteen youth and five adults will be attending. Michael also prepares for his upcoming three month sabbatical beginning July 7, 2011.

Pastor J. Heining reported consistently strong attendance and membership in addition to attending a positive PALS retreat.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30p.m.

(Motion: D. Hildestad, 2nd Motion: S. Weiden)

NEXT MEETING: August 9, 2011 – No July Council Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Berschet