

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes March 12, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Ron Peterson, Joy Brown, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg and Christena Watson.

Devotions led by Terry O'Keefe.

**Minutes of February 12, 2009 Meeting:** A motion was made by Christena and seconded by Peter to accept the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** On February 26<sup>th</sup> we had a funeral for Hazel Schneider, mother of Dave Schneider. On February 27<sup>th</sup> we had a funeral for Betty Kryzer. The Kryzer family requested a luncheon after the service and the response by our members was fantastic. Thank you! The Lenten services are off to a good start. Three people have volunteered to give reflections and I will do the other two. Pastor Paul Erickson will be the preacher at the worship service and present the forum on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I invited him to come to challenge us around our mission in this community and beyond. Ms. Judy Strenge was a missionary nurse in Kabul, Afganistan and will lead the service on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The service will be typical of the Christians in that country. Bring your Bibles. Mark Kopka will be with us at the service this Sunday, March 15th. Galilee's financial obligation for the internship is \$6000 (\$1000 stipend per month). We have a designated gift in the amount of \$3000 for the internship and a number of people have stepped forward with a commitment of more to fully fund this internship.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Given by Mary Lanoux. February pledged giving was under by \$270.74 and pledges given are over \$706.27 for YTD. A request was made to keep a separate line item listing funds designated for our intern.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Peter Solberg. We are keeping within the budget. The outstanding mortgage debt as of February is \$8,375.69. A reminder that the mortgage must be paid in full this year. Joan made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Terry. The motion was passed.

**Team Reports:** *Outreach* - Given by Joan. There will be a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Youth* - Given by Christena. Ron suggested using the Globe money delegated for the Koren families to purchase Rosetta Stone to help learn English or use it to help purchase the things they need when they get here. This year the Outreach committee decides how to spend the Globe money and have chosen to send it to Guatemala for children. Christena will take this back to the Youth committee.

**Other Business:** *Savings Account Report* - Each month the Council will be supplied with a current savings statement. As directed by the Council, the Finance Committee has purchased 2 certificates of deposit using \$15,000 from the church savings and \$44,000 of the Sis Johnson bequest. One CD for \$37,000 is for one year using the \$15,000 from savings and \$22,000 from the bequest. The remaining \$22,000 from the bequest was put into a six month CD. The idea is to have a CD mature every six months with the option to renew.

*Memorial Donation, Sis Johnson Estate* - When Sis Johnson left money to Galilee, her will stipulated that it is to be used to enhance worship at Galilee. A committee has been formed to decide how best the funds should be used. The members are Barb Strenge, Chair, Lori O'Keefe, representing the Worship & Music committee, Mary Lanoux, June Wendt, Christena Watson and Carl Nelson.

*Council Retreat* - The retreat will be held Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Galilee from 9:00am to Noon. We will choose liaisons to committees and discuss goals for 2009 among other things.

*Seminary Intern* - Mark Kopka will be here Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Ralph is getting an Internship Committee formed to help develop and assist Mark.

*Council Member Resignation* - Lisa Atchison has resigned from the Council. This was Lisa's last year. Jackie Nerud has agreed to finish Lisa's term. Joy made a motion to approve Jackie's nomination. Ron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Reading the Audience* - A group of five first year students from Luther Seminary have requested to study the mission context of Galilee, write a report on their findings and present to the Council. They will be attending some of our services and other functions, will interview some members and others from the community and analyze demographic information about our locale. The plan is to have them share their report to the Council at our April meeting.

*Life Line Screening* - Life Line Screening made a request to the church to host a Community Health Screening in the fall. It would only be one day from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. This company provides screening for four different issues that can cause strokes and an optional osteoporosis screening. The company is reputable, they take care of the advertising, scheduling, registration, questions, set-up and follow-up. The Council agreed that if our policy permits, this can be done at Galilee.

### **Coming Schedule:**

- Communion Assistants
  - March 15 - Lorrie, Ron & Jay Fehrman
  - March 22 - No help needed
  - March 29 - Joy, Mark Kopka, Terry
  - April 5 - Joyce Solberg
  - April 9, Maundy Thursday - Joan
  - April 10, Good Friday - No Communion at Service
  - April 12, Easter Sunday - No help needed
  - April 19 - Ron, Christena & Mary

Next Meeting - April 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - Joan
- Drinks & Treats - Ron

Peter made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary