

Church Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, Joan Jarombek, Terry O'Keefe, Ron Peterson and Christena Watson.

Devotions led by Joy Brown.

Minutes of November 14, 2010 Meeting: A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Terry to accept the minutes of the November 14th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: We continue with our emphasis on prayer. For December, Pastor Ralph wrote a reflection on repentance and confession as reason for prayer. Hosting for Project Home has gone well to date. There have been three to four families each night averaging sixteen people. Thirteen volunteers from the congregation and about eighty persons from other congregations have also volunteered. Anthony and Paula Brown have given lots of help, especially during the overnight shifts. We have finished this round of house meetings at Galilee. Attached are some of the ideas raised at those meetings. ISAIH sponsored a public meeting at which Gov-Elect Mark Dayton was present. One-thousand six hundred people attended, included nine from Galilee. The highlighted issues were around the disinvestment in transportation and the disparities in education in Minnesota. Pastor Ralph thanked Jo Ann for her planning and leadership for the Christmas program this year. He also thanked the vocal and bell choirs, the children who sang, Lorrie Hayne and her crew in the kitchen and the many others who decorated, set up and cleaned up. Nuwoe Davis suggested that we host a family gathering to celebrate New Year's Eve. It will be from 8:00 p.m. to midnight for our members, the public and will include our Project Home guests. This was an annual event at Galilee which we are picking up again. Jodie Christensen and Doug Swedzinski are getting married on January 1st at Galilee (a side note from the secretary, Jodie's sister, the wedding was beautiful!! Congratulations Jodie and Doug!).

Financial Secretary Report: Mary was not at the meeting but did supply the report for our review. November pledged giving was over by \$3,101.52 and pledges given are under \$1,058.08 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Peter was not at the meeting but did supply the Income and Expense Report for our review. The YTD Budget Comparison Report was not provided. Joan made a motion to accept the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Motion was seconded by Terry. The motion passed.

Savings Report: No report was provided.

Team Reports: *Education/GLOW* - GLOW resumes on January 19th. With the interest of Junior High and High School youth we will be starting something for their age group during GLOW. The Christmas caroling on December 15th had a good turnout. Project home families were involved as well.

Other Business:

2011 Budget - The Executive Committee submitted a request for a continuing resolution to reduce the Benevolence giving to 10% for the 2011 budget. Pastor Ralph seconded the motion. The motion passed. The following items are requested to be included in the 2011 budget - 1. During 2011, Pastor Ralph and Jo Ann French's salaries will remain at the amount they were lowered to during 2010. 2. Elly Peterman will be graduating this spring. When she leaves, there is the option of not replacing her during 2011. 3. We are also requesting there be three line items in the budget regarding income: pledged amount, loose offerings and special event offerings. Ron made a motion to accept the three budget items above. Joan seconded the motion. The

motion passed.

Changes to Constitution - The requested changes to the Constitution are available to the congregation to review and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Audit Report Actions - Ron put together a great spreadsheet of the audit concerns and action done so far. A copy of the report will be given to the audit review team to make sure we are on the right track.

Galilee Member Roster - The membership roster has been updated since the last council meeting. The following people are to be removed from membership - David Meyer and Todd Wackerfuss. The following people are to be put on the inactive list - Jason and Nikki Levin. Joy made a motion to accept the above information regarding the membership roster. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pledge Results - The amount of pledges so far total \$106,556. There are still some members that normally pledge that have not turned in their cards yet.

Memorial Committee Creation - A committee to oversee memorials was approved at the last council meeting. A motion was made by Pastor Ralph to add a Designated Funds committee if necessary. This would be a sub-division of the Finance Committee. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Update on search for new council members - As of December 16, 2010 we have only one open space available (contact has been made with someone and we are just waiting to hear back).

Annual Meeting - Please send your reports to the office in Word format. This will make the report clean and easy to read.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
- December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Service - Peter
- December 24 - 10:00 p.m. Service - Christena
- December 26 - Mary & Anshawn
- January 2 - Terry & Ron
- January 9 - Joan & Peter
- January 16 - Mary, Joan & Terry

Next Meeting - January 13, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

- Devotions, Luke 10 - Joan
- Drinks & Treats - Joy

Joy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Pastor Ralph. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary

**Ideas generated at the house meetings
Fall, 2010**

What could we do to attract children and adults?

Instead of a sermon, have a small group experience.

Bring up things done in the past:

- Friendship club
- Valentine's party
- International dinner

Talk to people in church I don't see so often.

Maintain the quality of activities.

Put the coffee pot on before church.

Remember the forgotten people.

Invite comment on persons we're concerned about.

Visit inactive members.

Sit at different tables during coffee after services.

How can we communicate better both to members and other people in our area?

Get announcements into already established flyers, e.g. the Maplewood Monthly.

Put up posters in businesses.

How can Galilee's prayer life be strengthened?

Establish a prayer line, i.e. prayer over the telephone.

Special prayer services / healing services

Hold hands during prayers.

Walk a Labyrinth.

Set aside persons to pray with individuals during services.

Take prayer requests during services.