

Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, George Davis, Karl Johnson, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Florence Matadi, Terry O'Keefe, Ron Peterson, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Joan Jarombek.

Minutes of March 11, 2010 Meeting and the Council Retreat minutes from March 27, 2010: A motion was made by Karl and seconded by Christena to accept the minutes of the March 11th Council Meeting and the March 27th Council Retreat. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph is very grateful for the participation of so many people in the services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. On March 27th we had a memorial service for Art Londroche. During the 50 days of the Easter season Pastor Ralph will be preaching on the theme "Called to Mission", based on the texts from the books of Acts for the seven Sundays of Easter. The Saint Paul Area Synod is sponsoring a Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, April 10th. Sue Nelson, Peter Solberg, Mary Lanoux, Miriam Peterson and Pastor Ralph will be attending. The 50th Anniversary Celebration is coming starting with a dinner on Saturday, May 1st. RSVP's are needed by April 11th to get a head count so we know how much food to order. It is time to schedule the performance reviews for Jo Ann and Cindy. Members of the Executive Committee will join the pastor for this. Pastor Ralph will be taking a course entitled "Jesus and the Gospels: A Crash Course on Recent Biblical Scholarship That's Worth Knowing" on Monday, June 7th through Wednesday, June 9th at Luther Seminary. The fee for the course will come from the continuing education funds in the congregational budget. Pastor Ralph and Katherine will be on vacation June 14th - June 27th at the North Shore and July 19th - August 1st on their annual mission trip to Guatemala.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary. March pledged giving was over by \$2,251.44 and pledges given are over \$2,006.89 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter. Peter is pleased how things are going. We are staying within the budget with the exception of church property (see the Property and Grounds team report below). Joan made a motion to accept the secretary treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Karl. The motion was passed.

Savings Report - Given by Peter. There has been an increase due to money received for the bell sound system. No new report given.

Team Reports: *Committee* - given by Christena. The plans for the annual church picnic are starting.

Youth - GLOW has started again for 3 weeks.

Outreach/Mission - Given by Joan and Karl. Money was given to the food shelves. A donation was given for the Chili earthquake relief fund. Karl would like everyone to think about how we disburse funds around mission and outreach.

Property and Grounds - Given by George. A meeting was held with some of the people that work with the church property. George talked about knowing what is in the budget and coming up with ways to save money on the items being purchased. A meeting with the current lawn care company to see if they will lower our contract price with them is being done. The spring cleaning is April 17th at 9:00am.

Other Business: *Bells/Steeple* - The bell sound system should be done by the anniversary party thanks to some generous donations from our members. More money is still needed.

Voucher Process - Given by Karl. Karl presented the council with a "Protocol for Requesting and Reimbursing Funds at Galilee Lutheran Church". This will keep each group accountable for the

budget they have and the funds they spend. Thank you Karl and the others that helped draft this. *Council Retreat* - At the Council retreat in March we brainstormed ideas for growing spiritually and ideas for growing relationships, participants and membership. We would like the congregation involved in the ideas for growing relationships, participants and membership. At the retreat Pastor Ralph gave us the following information regarding church participation which I think many will find interesting and it shows what we are up against in growing our participation and membership:

- Builder generation (born before 1945) - 64%
- Boomer generation (born 1945 to 1965) - 32%
- Gen-X (born 1965 to 1980) - 16%
- Millennial or Gen-Y (born after 1980) - 4%

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
April 25 - None listed
May 2 - Florence & Mary
May 9 - Terry & Florence
May 16 - Christena, George & Karl
May 23 - Karl
May 30 - Joy, Christena & George

Next Meeting - May 13, 2010 6:30 p.m.

- Devotions, Luke 2 - Terry
- Drinks & Treats - Karl

June made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary