

Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2010

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

Devotions led by Terry O'Keefe.

Minutes of March 11, 2010 Meeting: A motion was made by Pastor Baumgartner and seconded by Karl to accept the minutes of the April 8th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: The 50th Anniversary celebration on May 1st and 2nd was fabulous. Thanks to everyone who helped to make that happen. There is one candidate for first communion and Pastor Ralph is checking out some other prospects as well. The Day of Pentecost (May 23rd) will be the Sunday when these children will be welcomed to the Lord's Table. A team has been meeting for several months in order to conceptualize and strategize the Wellness ministry initiative. There was a Sunday Morning Forum on May 9th on the theme Healing in the Bible. There will be another Forum on June 6th about Healing Touch and training on Healing Touch on June 8th. Thanks to Florence Matadi's efforts, a group of African Women has been meeting at Galilee for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement. Florence also has the vision of founding an African Women's Center. Performance reviews are being completed or have been completed for Cindy, Jo Ann and Elly. Ron Peterson, Christena Watson and Pastor Ralph will be attending the Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly, Friday, May 21st to Saturday, May 22nd at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Pastor Ralph allowed his name to be placed in nomination for the Consultation Committee of the synod. 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. He has arranged for Pastor Julie Thompson to fill in on the Sundays he will be gone during both of these trips. He is arranging for another pastor to be available for emergencies while he is away.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary. April pledged giving was over by \$1,474.87 and pledges given are under \$710.56 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Peter was gone but did supply a report for our review. Most of the teams' spending is staying within budget. Joy made a motion to accept the secretary treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Karl. The motion was passed.

Savings Report - No report given.

Team Reports: *Worship and Music* - Given by Terry. The committee is planning on looking for a new Bell Choir Director. The council talked and agreed that the persons responsible for interviewing potential directors should be those that show an interest in the Bell choir and will be working with the director. They will know the budget they have to work with and will contact the committee Liaison to request any funds over the budgeted amount.

Property and Grounds - Given by Anshawn (George). The warranties on the air conditioners are going to expire at the end of May. The cost for a service charge is \$198.00 per compressor and we have two for the sanctuary and one for the narthex. Standard Heating and Air Conditioning has sent out a coupon for a \$50.00 discount per compressor. The committee requests the air compressors be serviced as this is a significant part of our building. Upon further discussion it was recommended that a copy of the warranty be reviewed to see what is covered by the warranty if there are any repairs needed during an inspection.

Other Business: *Constitution Changes* - Miriam Peterson shared with the council the changes

and/or additions required to the Constitution. Miriam and Sharell Babin have been reviewing the constitution and re-typing in the corrections as approved by the Churchwide Assembly. The corrections will be presented to the congregation prior to the annual congregational meeting and voted on at the annual meeting.

Daily Bread - This is a spiritual growth challenge for the members and participants in our ministry at Galilee to be engaged in an intentional exercise that encourages strengthened and deepened faith. Our challenge is to read the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts starting after the 50th Anniversary celebration. We are suggesting two chapters per week. Reading and reflecting on these texts can be done by individuals, families and small groups including in house meetings. Study and discussion guides will be provided. Prayer suggestions will be provided each week. Ron has volunteered to start a blog where people can share their thoughts on the readings. There is a sign-up sheet in the kiosk for those stepping up to the challenge.

Budget Responsibilities - The Proposal for Requesting and Reimbursing Funds at Galilee Lutheran Church is complete. It describes what process to follow for purchasing items and being reimbursed. Ron completed a "responsibility chart" for which council member is the go to person for any issues with budgeting.

Building Use Fees - There have been several non-members requesting to use the church building lately (e.g. weddings). There is no formal policy set. Pastor Ralph will make a proposal for this policy to present to the council.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
May 16 - Christena, George & Karl
May 23 - Karl
May 30 - Joy, Christena & George
June 6 - Ron & Karl
June 13 - Peter (Joyce) & Christena

Next Meeting - June 10, 2010 6:30 p.m.

- Devotions, Luke 3 - June
- Drinks & Treats - Florence

June made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary