

Church Council Meeting Minutes **August 17, 2010**

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, Anshawn Davis, Joan Jarombek, Ron Peterson, Peter Solberg and Christena Watson.

Devotions led by Ron Peterson.

Minutes of June 10, 2010 Meeting: A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Pastor Ralph to accept the minutes of the June 10th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- We had a very fine VBS with the theme of Prayer. The curriculum was designed by Elly Peterman. Other key volunteers we owe a ton of thanks include Joy Brown, Jo Ann French, Soon Kang, Miriam Peterson, Ron Peterson and Christena Watson. There was a core group of about 15 kids and several other adults were also present.
- On August 7th Dora Taylor and Michael Johnson were married at Galilee.
- Daily Bread-We have finished the assigned reading from the Gospel of Luke and now we have begun reading and reflecting on the Book of Acts.
- A group of about 20 people had a wonderful time together at Bay Lake Camp July 9 to 11th. Among the group were some that had never had this kind of experience before.
- Katherine Baumgartner did a fabulous job in her 5th training of the health promoters from congregations of the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala, July 21-23. Pastor Ralph and Katherine would like to thank Galilee for all the support given to this mission, through donations of supplies and money as well as our prayers.
- The Stewardship Team for this fall is composed of Sue Nelson, Miriam Peterson, Barb Streng and Pastor Ralph. They will meet on August 18th in order to determine plans for the fall.
- ISIAH has a vision for 10,000 persons gathering in house meetings this fall. More information will follow in the weeks ahead. For now, we need hosts for these meetings as well as facilitators of the meetings. We are hoping to have ten meetings through Galilee. A training for the facilitators will be on Thursday, September 2 at Arlington Hills United Methodist Church in Maplewood, starting at 7:00 pm. If you are willing to serve as a host or facilitator, please talk to Ron Peterson or Pastor Baumgartner.

Financial Secretary Report: Mary was not at the meeting so Steve Groebner reviewed the report for the council. July pledged giving was under by \$554.56 and pledges given are under \$1,676.70 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter. Although our expenses are for the most part staying in line, the money is just not coming in to continue to pay the bills in a timely fashion. We are in a critical bind for revenue. After much discussion a couple ideas are being put into motion. Pastor Ralph will be reviewing the staff salaries and a list of the obligations and amounts due will be posted with envelopes for members to make donations towards the bills. Joy made a motion to accept the secretary treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Anshawn. The motion was passed.

Savings Report: No report was provided.

Team Reports: *GLOW* - Given by Christena and Joy. *GLOW* will be starting again September

22nd running until November 10th. We would really like more volunteers.

Education & Youth - Rally Sunday will be on September 12 with a potluck lunch and Sunday school classes will start on September 19th.

Other Business: *Church Use Fees* - Pastor Ralph presented a church usage fee list for members and non-members. The Council reviewed it and think some of the fees should be increased. It was agreed that we would check to see how some other churches similar to ours handle their fees and revisit this. Tables and chairs have been borrowed from the church and some are missing. A Usage Agreement for Tables and Chairs was drafted. Anshawn proposed an amendment to the agreement removing the fees and Joan proposed an amendment stating that only members of Galilee were allowed to borrow the chairs and tables. Pastor Ralph moved to accept the Usage Agreement for Table and Chairs with the amendments. Joy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Air conditioner warrantee - Given by Anshawn. There was a large fee to renew the warrantee and it was decided not to renew.

Bell Choir Director - It has been requested that the Council approve the hiring of Cynthia Erickson as the bell choir director. She will be receiving the same pay as Amy Jauch was receiving which was in the budget. The Council approved hiring Cynthia Erickson.

Audit - Given by Steve Groebner. The audit is p and the plan is to have something in writing for the next council meeting.

Galilee Member Roster - Given by Pastor Ralph. There does not appear to be an official membership list in the church office. The directory contains errors and does not reflect accurately the actual membership. The Parish Record Book has not had membership information entered for years. This came to light during the preparation for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. A big thanks to Sharell Babin, Sue Nelson and Miriam Peterson who made considerable efforts doing some initial work to attain a current membership list. According to the congregation's constitution, the church council has the responsibility to clarify the membership on an annual basis with any changes to the membership included in the Annual Report to the congregation. A letter is being sent to those who appear to be inactive inquiring about their status and intentions. The council will report the results at the annual meeting. Pastor Ralph made a motion to proceed as planned. Joy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Growth Initiative - A meeting was held to discuss narrowing down the (long) list of ideas for spiritual and numerical growth for Galilee. For spiritual growth some important ideas decided upon are to continue the Daily Bread Bible readings at least through the rest of 2010. Another idea is to begin a new emphasis on prayer (see below). Regarding numerical growth we are planning to continue a pattern of special events at Galilee that will be attractive to a large number of people. This includes planning regular events and activities to attract children and events to attract adults and older people. We should also consider involving the neighborhood in service projects for them and others. We need to create a team for communications, do more than drop flyers under apartment doors. We suggest kicking off this idea plan with the house meetings mentioned earlier in the minutes. Ron made a motion to support this idea by structuring 8-10 house meetings to discuss the needs of the neighborhood and specifics for the above ideas. Joy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Prayer Initiative - Pastor Ralph presented the prayer initiative, an idea to encourage the congregation to grow spiritually. We will be taught, encouraged and given the opportunities to use the different kinds of prayer. Ron made a motion to present this as a theme starting in the fall. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
August 22 - Peter (Joyce) & Joan
August 29 - Joy, Terry & Peter (Joyce)
September 5 - Christena & Florence
September 12 - Ron & Anshawn
September 19 - Peter (Joyce), Joy & Christena

Next Meeting - September 9, 2010 6:30 p.m.

- Devotions, Luke 6 - Anshawn
- Drinks & Treats - Terry

Joy made a motion to adjourn. Christena seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary