

Church Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2011

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Ron Peterson and Peter Solberg.

Devotions led by Joan Jarombek.

Minutes of December 16, 2010 Meeting: Corrections/additions to December minutes include: Pastor Ralph will receive five weeks of vacation in 2011, the correct regular giving for November is \$14,577.00 and YTD thru November is \$133,071.95. A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Peter to accept the corrected minutes of the December 16th Council Meeting. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: The Pastoral acts completed during the last month are the funeral for Len Nadeau on December 28th, Jodie Christensen and Doug Swedzinski's wedding on January 1st and the funeral for Aaliyah Dixon (Vicki Watson's miscarried baby) on January 4th. The Christmas program, "He Came Down", was a fabulous success. The GLOW Planning Team met on January 4th and clarified plans for this winter and the Lenten season. GLOW starts again on January 19th. Pastor Ralph thanked everyone for their participation and leadership in GLOW. There was a wonderful gathering on New Year's Eve at Galilee. There were about twenty-two people at the church. Activities included a prayer service, food and games. A special thanks goes to Nuwoe Davis for providing leadership at this event. During Project Home we had three to four families staying at Galilee each night. Thirteen people from Galilee and about eighty people from other congregations volunteered during December. There are different opinions about continuing with this program next December. A meeting needs to be held to openly and freely discuss all views and feelings regarding Project Home. The council will discuss the process of how to accomplish this at their February meeting. Pastor Ralph and Katherine will be on vacation starting Friday, February 18th through Tuesday, February 22nd (President's Day weekend). Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley will preach and preside at Holy Communion in his absence.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary. December pledged giving was over by \$1,225.52 and pledges given are over \$167.44 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter. December was a very good month. Joan made a motion to accept the Secretary and Treasurer's reports with discussed corrections made. Motion was seconded by Joy. The motion passed.

Savings Report: The savings report is being reconciled. Ron requested that a copy be provided for the annual meeting.

Team Reports: *Worship & Music* - The theme for the Lenten soup suppers will be Prayer in Your Life and will include guest speakers. The team discussed opening the communion assistants to other congregation members, not only the council members. The process of gathering volunteers will be discussed at the next council meeting and could start February 13th. They also discussed setting up training for the acolytes.
GLOW - GLOW is starting on January 19th and running thru March 2nd.

Other Business:

2011 Budget - Pete presented the council with the preliminary 2011 budget vs. the actual spending in 2010 and 2010 budget amounts. The council reviewed and made some changes to be presented at the annual meeting.

Changes to Constitution - There have been some questions regarding the Constitution changes

which will be addressed at the annual meeting.

Audit Report Actions - Ron supplied an updated list of actions completed. A new safe deposit box has been obtained. A new computer has been purchased and has hourly backups.

Memorial Committee Creation - The Memorial committee has been formed. Ron suggested that the Sis Johnson Memorial Fund committee combine with the new committee to broaden their ideas and responsibilities. Nothing would be taken away from the wonderful work the Sis Johnson committee has completed. The Sis Johnson Fund committee should review what has been done with the designated funds so far and what, if anything should be done now.

Council members and officers for 2011 - The new council members being presented at the annual meeting are Carl Nelson, Elaine Mundt, Karen Groebner, Paula Brown and Dan Simundson. Ron Peterson will remain the council President, Joan Jarombek will remain the Vice-President, Carl Nelson will be the Secretary, Mary Lanoux will remain the Financial Secretary and Steve Groebner will be the Treasurer.

Toolkit for Congregational Members - The event is on February 26th and the deadline for registration is February 18th.

Conference Assembly - The assembly will be held on Saturday, February 12th from 8:30 AM to Noon at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
January 16 - Mary, Joan & Terry
January 23 - Joy & Ron
January 30 - Florence, Anshan & Ron
February 6 - Karen & Elaine

Next Meeting - February 10, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

- Devotions, Luke 11 - Ron
- Drinks & Treats - Joan

Ron made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary