

Galilee Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

Members present: Abe Watson, Paula Brown, Dan Simundson, Lorrie Hayne, Steve Groebner, Karen Groebner, Elaine Mundt, Ron Peterson, Ralph Baumgartner and Mary Lanoux.

Thank you to Paula Brown for bringing treats.

Call to order at 7:01 pm by Ron Peterson

Mary Lanoux led devotions based on Luke 14

Lorrie Hayne moved to accept minutes from April, Karen Groebner 2nded. Motion passed.

Pastor's report

Pastor Ralph gave his report, stating that Pastor Carlson sent a thank you card thanking those that came over to his house to give some assistance in yard care. Also, our new member, Javier Gonzalez, gave Pastor some discount tickets for his new business at Rose Car Care and car wash

Financial Report

Financial reports: Mary Lanoux reported that to-date we are a little under the budget (about \$1000) for the total of loose and pledged offering, but we are catching up. The pledged offering is ahead but loose is short of plan.

Steve gave the report on budget comparisons. Please see his report for details. Overall, we are still \$584 behind the budget plan for income minus expenditures, but will probably catch up in May because it is a five Sunday month. Last month we were about \$4000 behind plan, so this is a big improvement.

A motion to accept financial reports was made by Abe Watson and 2nded by Lorrie Hayne. Motion passed.

Team Updates

Outreach committee--Pastor Ralph reported on the outreach goals/plans. He said that the outreach team might be ready to expand their role. The pastor sees their role as outreach to the neighborhood. Instead of just handing out money to worthy organizations, perhaps they could get together with the GLOW team to support the big summer blowout event with evangelism ideas.

Altar Guild and Worship and Music-The Worship and Music team is thinking about how they can step up to the challenge Ron has given--to plan an event that will attract 200 community members or people from other churches. The Altar Guild is looking at a wish list to start getting some things replaced like a new banner and recoating the missal stand.

The **Community and Fellowship** team has been working on a lot of things, perhaps having daytime events for seniors who don't go out at night. A job description has been put together for the wedding coordinator and funeral director roles. Sharell Babin has stepped forward to do both positions.

Old Business

The new Memorial Committee will manage funds that come to the church as a result of a funeral. They will have a list of things that a family can choose from when they donate funds from a loved one's funeral. They will also send out thank-you notes to the families. The full charter of their activities will be discussed at a later council meeting.

New Business

Ron spoke for the Property Committee about the shingled roof replacement estimates that have been received. Please see the hand out for further information. He made several recommendations:

- Hire Suburban Home Improvement for a pre-June 1 start on the roof. Their bid was the lowest at \$7100.
- Use just-received Thrivent Choice dollars (\$2528) to repay the Capital Fund loan debt
- Use the existing Property /Long Term Maintenance Fund (\$2974) for the roof replacement
- Use any roof warranty money for the roof replacement
- Begin a special fund drive to clear any remaining obligations for:
 - The mortgage capital loan
 - The roof loan
 - Any furnace repair costs and to replenish the long term building maintenance fund

After discussion, Ron moved to (1) accept the low bid for roof replacement, (2) accept the no interest loan and begin roof replacement before June, and (3) put new Thrivent Choice dollars received into new fund to temporarily hold, notify congregation of situation and possible upcoming fund drive. Seconded by Lorrie Hayne...motion passed.

We discussed the Galilee's chart showing Structure for Organization, Responsibility and Accountability. Ron moved that several changes be made to the chart. Karen Groebner seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor Ralph presented a preliminary job description for church secretary. We decided to just discuss the salary, sick leave, and weekly hours and leave the detailed job description to the Pastor and Executive Committee. Lorrie Hayne moved that the hours be set at 15 per week and the salary at \$12.00 per hour with 8 hours of sick leave. Steve Groebner 2nded. The motion passed.

TLC Team update—The TLC team visits shut-ins and home bound people. Ron said it would be nice if everyone could join this team, that they do wonderful work. It would also be nice if Galilee people could try to visit with other members in general, for example, people who scoot out the door as soon as service is done.

GLOW Team- -There is an important planning meeting at 6:00 p.m., May 23rd, where plans for the “blowout” event will be discussed. All council members are encouraged to attend.

New Coffee system has been re-thought because we do not use enough coffee to get the free system installed. An alternate approach will be covered at a later council meeting.

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY

Next Council Meeting—June 9, 7 p.m.

Devotions- Abe Watson (Luke 15)

Treats/drinks –Joan will bring.

Communion Schedule:

Elaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Abe Watson 2nded. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mundt