

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
September 8, 2011

Attendance:

Council members present: Pastor Ralph Baumgartner, Karen Groebner, Steve Groebner, Lorrie Hayne, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Elaine Mundt, Carl Nelson, Ron Peterson, Dan Simundson and Abe Watson.

Council members absent: Paula Brown

President Ron Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 11th, 2011 Council Meeting:

The Minutes of the August 11th council meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Joan and a second by Abe, the council approved the August minutes.

Pastor's Report:

The Pastor had a couple of interviews with potential Office Administrators. Action items- Motion made by Pastor Ralph and duly seconded - Can we have a policy saying that we don't loan out church items (processional cross, chairs, other items) a motion made to say " The items owned by Galilee and used in worship (furnishings, communion ware, paraments etc) in most instances should not be loaned for use in events not associated with Galilee. Rare exception could be made only in consultation with Galilee's pastor and council president." Motion passed.

Pastor made a motion to support and pay \$100 to send members of Galilee to the training " Safeguarding God's Children" motion seconded by Karen Groebner and passed.

Pastor extended an invitation to the council to come and try out the Healing Touch spiritual Ministry sponsored by the wellness ministry team. Days and times are: First Thursday and third Monday of the month between 2pm and 6pm.

A copy of his report is attached as Exhibit A.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Mary presented the Financial Secretary's Report for the month of August 2011.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve presented the Treasurer's Reports for August 2011. For the month, the general fund income was approximately \$10,500 or \$900 under the budgeted amounts. Total general fund expenses were approximately \$12,000 or \$1,000 under the budget. After the impact of transfers to other funds, total general fund expenses exceeded income by \$1,400. For the year-to-date period, expenses also

exceeded income by \$1,400. Steve mentioned that the deficit would likely be reduced by \$500 to \$1,000 once some funds were transferred from the Sis Johnson Fund to the general fund to cover some GLOW out related expenses. The Council also reviewed the designated fund balances.

Upon motion by Joan and a second by Dan, the council approved the Financial Secretary's Reports and the Treasurer's Reports.

Team Updates:

Karen reported that the Fellowship Committee will be meeting at Galilee on Tuesday September 13th at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to determine if there is interest in scheduling Adult Social activities. They also will discuss what type of activities people may be interested in. All were invited to attend.

Ron reported that the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Galilee on September 12th. The purpose will be to plan the 2011 Stewardship activities which will include a program to repay the loan for the new roof and establish a long-term maintenance/contingency plan.

Old Business:

Churchwide Assembly: Ron reported on his attendance at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando in August. He indicated it was a very good experience and encouraged others to attend in future years if they are able. Two specific matters he commented on were: (1) The ELCA is starting a four year program to raise \$15 million for malaria prevention. He stated Galilee should attempt to contribute \$1,500 over that time period to this effort. A couple of possibilities would be to seek donations from Outreach or to include fundraising activities in the 2011 Stewardship activities. (2) The assembly adopted a social statement on Genetics, Faith and Responsibility. The statement fully supports advanced research and use of genetic technologies but with provisos; "Sufficiency, sustainability, solidarity, participation, wisdom, humility and precaution."

New Business:

Funeral: The funeral for David Lofstedt will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Galilee, with visitation one hour before the service. Ron reminded the council members to call the individuals on their contact lists to inform them about the funeral.

Rally Sunday: Rally Sunday is September 11th with a potluck following the worship service. The worship service and other activities will focus on the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Games for the children will follow the potluck. In addition, Nijah Davis will receive her first communion on Rally Sunday.

Constitution Changes: Ron reported on several changes to Galilee's Constitution that are necessary for it to comply with the model Constitution of the ELCA. The only significant change was a clarification of the procedures a congregation must follow in consulting bishops from the Synod when such congregation is involved in discussions about the possibility of leaving ELCA. The other changes were primarily format changes. Ron will circulate a copy of the Constitution with the changes to each council member. Each council member was asked to review the changes and provide comments to Ron. The plan is to have the council approve the changes at its October meeting and then submit it to the Synod. Once they approve the changes, it will be presented for Congregational approval at the 2012 Congregational Meeting.

Nursery Support: Ron reported that Kayla and Mindy have agreed to provide babysitting services during Sunday morning worship if it is necessary.

Kitchen Support: Mary Lanoux has agreed to periodically check the inventory of kitchen supplies and restock as needed.

Old Bell: The Council discussed what to do with the old bell which is currently on a trailer in the lower parking lot. After discussion, the Council concluded that the bell should be placed on patio blocks somewhere in the garden near the church entrance. Lorrie mentioned that the Memorial Committee was considering establishing a memorial garden and if that happens, the bell could be part of such garden.

General Fund vs. Special Funds: Ron reminded the Council members of the importance of properly charging disbursements to the appropriate account and fund. The general fund is to be used for normal operating costs of the church whereas the designated funds should be charged as those designated amounts are spent.

Update on 2011 Goals: The council reviewed the 2011 goals it had established for Galilee at its retreat in February. While not all of the goals have been achieved, several have been and several more are in process.

Next Council Meeting: The next council meeting will be October 13th, 2011. Karen will lead devotions on Luke 18 and Mary will provide treats.

Coming Schedule:

Communion assistants are as follows:

September 11	Ron and Elaine
September 18	Steve, Abe and Ron
September 25	Carl
October 2	Elaine and Joan
October 9	Mary and Elaine

Upon motion by Elaine which was seconded by Dan, the council approved adjournment at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Nelson
Secretary

Pastor's Report
September 8, 2011

Congregational updates:

1. **Supply pastors.** I've heard from both the supply pastors for when I was on vacation, as well as from a number of members, that all went well at worship during my absence. I'm grateful to the congregation for being so welcoming and supportive of these supply pastors.
2. **Rally Sunday.** Sept. 11th with a potluck meal after the service. Both Sun. School and Adult Forum begins on Sept. 18th.
3. **GLOW.** Starts up again on Sept. 14th. Faith is the theme concept for the Bible stories I'm selecting for the children.
4. **Vocal and bell choirs.** Rehearsals have started up for the fall.
5. **Women's Retreat.** Sept. 24th-25th. For more information, contact Mary Lanoux.
6. **Church Office Administrator.** As of this date, some interviews have been held with some candidates. It is possible that we may have someone selected within the next couple of weeks.
7. **Teaching Congregations.** This is a program of Luther Seminary that has had in the past other names such as Contextual Education. John Ansell, first year student at Luther Sem., has been worshipping with us in recent Sundays. John lives in an apartment near Larpenteur and Rice. He has asked me if Galilee could be his Teaching Congregation assignment.
8. **Funeral.** David Lofstedt died on Sept. 6th and his funeral is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12th at 11:00 am. Sharell is helping to coordinate the luncheon.

Action items:

1. **Policy for lending out items used in worship.** I'll explain the context of this proposed action in the council meeting. "The items owned by Galilee and used in worship (furnings, communion ware, paraments, etc.) in most instances should not be lent out for use in events not associated with Galilee. Rare exception could be made only in consultation with Galilee's pastor and council president."
2. **Safeguarding God's Children.** *See attached flyer.*
3. **Wellness Ministry Team.** I would like to invite the council to try out the Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry sponsored by Galilee's Wellness Ministry Team. Appointments can be made on the first Thursday and the third Monday of each month, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 pm. There is no charge for this service.