

Church Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2010

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Joy Brown, George Davis, Karl Johnson, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson and June Wendt.

Terry O'Keefe was the acting President as Ron was not at the meeting and our Vice President, Joan, was also not here.

Devotions led by Peter Solberg.

New Council start time: A request was made to start the meetings earlier. June made a motion to start the council meetings at 6:30 pm. Karl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes of February 11, 2010 Meeting: A motion was made by Karl and seconded by June to accept the corrected minutes of the February 11th Council Meeting. Motion passed

Pastor's Report: The Wellness team composed of Katherine Baumgartner, Jo Ann French, Mary Lanoux, Joyce Solberg and Pastor Ralph has been meeting with the intention of starting a wellness ministry at Galilee which would be a service and an outreach to the community. They would like to set aside one evening per month for prayers for healing, Healing Touch and fellowship. They are considering guidelines for having such a ministry and the council will be consulted before they actually launch this ministry. Several members of Galilee had leadership roles in the March 6th Faith and Our Future gubernatorial candidates' forum including Ron Peterson, Florence Matadi, Abraham Watson, George Davis, Peter Solberg and Pastor Ralph. There were eight candidates for governor or their representatives present for the forum. There was a lot of work involved but the event turned out very well. We are well into the Lenten season under the theme of "Types of Spirituality: What is your type"? The liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer is beautiful and the soup is delicious. The theme for Sundays during the Lenten season is "And Grace Will Lead Me Home". Staff performance reviews are coming up. Pastor Ralph will be in contact with the members of the Executive committee to set up the interviews.

Financial Secretary Report: Mary Lanoux was not at the meeting but did supply the report for us. February pledged giving was under by \$630.56. Pledges given are under \$244.55 for YTD.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. February was not a good month for offerings. The bills are getting paid. Our expenses are staying within budget with the exception of church property which includes snow plowing and February was a snowy month. A suggestion was made to mail a quarterly report to Galilee members updating them on exactly where we stand with the budget and offerings. Project Home expenses should be looked at and maybe some of the expenses above Galilee's normal expenses could come from Outreach. There are many options for reducing our expenses that need to be reviewed. Joy made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Karl. The motion was passed.

Savings Account Report: Given by Peter. The CD was due, was cashed in and put into savings. \$20,000 could be put back into a CD keeping \$17,000 in savings.

Team Reports: *Mission* - Loaves and Fishes is April 5th at Faith Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed from 2:00 to 4:00 for prep and from 5:15 to 7:00 to serve and clean up. Galilee volunteers with Loaves and Fishes the first Monday every other month and volunteers are always needed.

Property - The spring clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th starting at 9:00 am. The cost of lawn care is going to be revisited. Bids will be taken to evaluate the money we pay to care for the lawn.

Other Business: *Galilee's 50th anniversary* - The planning is going great. A caterer has been chosen for the meal on Saturday, May 1st. Volunteers from Christ The King Lutheran Church in Woodbury will be serving and cleaning up that night. We will repay the favor by serving and cleaning at their 50th Anniversary celebration in

November. There will be a more detailed volunteer list coming soon.

Bells and lighting for the Steeple - Peter spoke with George Johnson about completing the Steeple by the 50th Anniversary. The first priority is to complete the work that was started, finishing the skirting, etc. Second is to get the electrical and lighting done. Duane Haukebo has played a key role in the steeple and George is looking for his ideas along with those of Ron Jarombek and George Davis in finishing this project in a timely fashion on budget.

Authorization for spending process - At the annual meeting there were several requests for some sort of paper trail for the money spent from the budget for the teams. There has to be a system put in place to track spending for each team which will allow them to better track how much is left in their budget, hold them accountable for what is purchased and make it easier for the treasurer to know which fund the monies are coming from. Karl volunteered to draft a protocol to be followed by teams regarding a spending policy which will be reviewed by the Council.

Council Retreat - The Council retreat will be held on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Galilee. We will be reviewing the protocol draft regarding team spending, brainstorming ideas to bring new people to our congregation and how to control the budget among other things.

Holy Week - There will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00 pm each night. The Easter service will be at 9:30 am with the ever popular breakfast before.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
March 14 - Assisting Minister, June & Christena
March 21 - Florence, Peter & Christena
March 28, Palm Sunday- Peter (or Joyce)
April 4, Easter - Christena, George & Terry
April 11 - To be determined at the Council Retreat
April 18 -
April 25 -

Next Meeting - April 8, 2010, 6:30 pm (new time)

- Devotions - Joan
- Drinks & Treats - George

Christena made a motion to adjourn. June seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary