

Church Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2009

In Attendance: Pastor Baumgartner, Lorrie Hayne, Ron Peterson, Joy Brown, Ann Fehrman, Joan Jarombek, Mary Lanoux, Jackie Nerud, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, and June Wendt.

Devotions led by Ann Fehrman.

Minutes of November 12, 2009 Meeting: A motion was made by Joan and seconded by June to accept the corrected minutes of the November 12th Council Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph had a "make up" orientation to communion for Kayla Boland and Mindy Adams. They each had an adult with them and Jim Zrust joined for the conversation. Both girls have now had their first communion. We thank Mary Lanoux for providing helpful information on the totals of the Plan for Giving cards that have been turned in. There are only four persons who normally pledge but have not done so to date. Pastor Ralph will be contacting them. Thirty-six persons turned in a Time and Talent Survey, and we now have many volunteers for the various ministries of the church. Elly Peterman was installed as our Family and Community Ministry Coordinator on December 6th. Pastor Ralph and Elly have met and laid out plans for her initial weeks at Galilee. She will be focused on meeting some of the members and GLOW as a way to start, as well as being with us on Sunday mornings. The Wellness Ministry Team decided to help Florence Matadi start a support group for women who are immigrants from Africa, and that group will meet at Galilee. The next Wellness Team meeting is January 11, 2010. There will be a 4:00 p.m. service and a 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. On January 17th Pastor Ralph will be preaching at the 50th anniversary of his former congregation in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Duane and Annette Haukebo and Steve and Karen Groebner will be in the Valley at that time and plan to attend the service. Pastor Julia Thompson will preach and preside at holy communion in my absence. Pastor Ralph and Katherine will be on vacation February 13 - 16th (President's Day weekend). He is arranging for a supply pastor for Sunday.

Financial Secretary Report: Given by Mary Lanoux. November pledged giving was under by \$1,167.90. Pledges given are under \$3,590.00 for YTD. The figures for October have been corrected to reflect that October pledged giving was over by \$463.68 and pledges given were under \$2422.00.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Peter Solberg. The percentage of the budget spent is right on where we thought we would be. Some items have spent less than budgeted for and some have spent more. There were not a lot of items paid in November and December will have more items to be paid. Ron made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports. Motion was seconded by Jackie. The motion was passed.

Savings Account Report: Provided by Steve Groebner, presented by Peter. The balance of the steeple (approximately \$11,000) was paid December 14, 2009. The funds came from the remaining Bell Tower savings and undesignated memorials as approved by the Council. The new stove will be paid in December from the Kitchen savings.

Team Reports: Staff - Given by Pastor Ralph. All staff reviews have been completed. There are staff meetings held on a weekly basis.

Stewardship - Given by Mary. To date the amount of pledged giving is \$130,208.66. The weekly pledged amount per person/family is: \$1 - \$19 = 11; \$20 - \$39 = 11; \$40 - \$59 = 3; \$60 - \$79 = 4; \$80 - \$99 = 1; \$100 - \$119 = 2; \$120 & over = 4. There are a total of 37 pledge cards turned in and of those 4 listed no pledged amount.

Mission - Given by Joan. The budgeted funds have been disbursed by the committee. A prayer shawl has been selected for a member. Christmas basket recipients and amounts were decided. A Karen family will be "adopted" by the congregation for Christmas. Connie Flattum has given notice and will not be part of the committee anymore. The next meeting date is January 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Any new ideas and new members

are greatly appreciated.

Other Business: *Galilee's 50th anniversary and pictorial directory* - Given by Lorrie. The theme for the celebration is "Lead by the Spirit, walking in the Light". The verse for the anniversary is from Micah 6:8; He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? If you have any requests for songs during the celebration please let Jo Ann, Lorrie or Miriam know. The preliminary budget for the 50th anniversary is \$5,550.00. The proceeds of \$1,700.00 from the bake sale brings the budget request to \$3,850.00. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up for pictures for the Pictorial Directory will begin in January. The dates for pictures are February 11th from 3:00 to 9:00 and February 16th from 3:00 to 9:00. The directory will be available prior to the anniversary celebration.

Budget Process/Committee Update - Given by Peter. Peter is getting the budget requests from the teams and the budget team will meet and put together a proposed budget to present to the congregation at the adult forum on January 17th. The proposed budget will include an increase in the hours for the Family and Community Ministry Coordinator position to 15 hours per week. This would be about \$39 extra per week.

Web site signs - Given by Peter. Peter talked with a sign maker and was quoted \$3.00 each for a minimum order of 50 signs. An idea to have members donate money for their sign was suggested. This will be looked into again in the spring. Ron is doing some research about getting web sites funneled into more searches and will see how this can apply to our site.

Audit - Given by Peter. The audit is under way and should be complete by the annual meeting in January.

Change of Address for Galilee Church - Given by Ron. Ron spoke to someone with the city of Roseville about what is involved with changing the church address to a Rice Street location. It appears to be a simple process with the city. The more difficult part could be notifying all members, previous members, the Synod, our stationery, business cards, etc. There will be further discussion about this.

Goals for Fall of 2009 through Summer 2010 - Given by Pastor Ralph. Pastor Ralph has given himself some goals through the summer of 2010. They include experimenting with different styles of delivery of preaching once a month, engaging in another round of 30 one-on-one conversations, looking for more opportunities to "hang out" with our members, working with Elly and having a work plan by the January council meeting, rejuvenating the ministry involving the members of Galilee visiting those who are sick or homebound (TLC), helping make the 50th Anniversary a success and provide leadership in order to have a good participation in the ISALAH Governor's Forum on March 6, 2010.

Community Garden - Given by Ron and Terry. In October a meeting was held to throw around the idea of a community garden at Galilee. Many Hmong citizens showed at the meeting and have shown a great interest in this idea. This was also a popular idea with the people in the apartments around Galilee. There are items to be reviewed and costs associated with this which are being discussed. Terry and Ron have come up with some good ideas on how to make this a success with our members and those people outside our congregation. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Ron or Terry. Lorrie made a motion for the council to approve the exploration of the option of a community garden at Galilee and present the plan at the annual meeting in January. Joy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership at Galilee - The church directory has been the membership list for our congregation. Please review and let the church office know if there is someone who should be listed. In January of 2009 the council called members that have not been attending church regularly. Four members chose to be dropped from the membership. They are Lance Groebner, Aaron Mundt, Cindy Gustafson and family and Wayne Polfuss.

Contract with Efeso Church - Given by Pastor Ralph. Pastor Ralph made a motion that he and Miriam Peterson renegotiate the lease with Efeso. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Coming Schedule:

- Communion Assistants
December 20 - Joyce Solberg, June & Mary
December 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Ron
10:00 p.m. - Mary
December 27 - Assisting Minister
January 3 - Joan & Jay Fehrman

January 10 - Assisting Minister, Terry & Jackie
January 17 - Joyce Solberg, Lorrie & Joan

Next Meeting - January 14, 2010

- Devotions - Joy
- Drinks & Treats - Peter
- Liaison Team Report - Staff - Education/Youth - June & Terry

Joy made a motion to adjourn. Lorrie seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:** p.m. (Having such an enjoyable evening, I did not notice the time.)

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary