

**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Pastor Baumgartner, Miriam Peterson, Lorrie Hayne, Joy Brown, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson, June Wendt and Jim Zrust

Devotions led by Joy Brown.

**Minutes of December 11, 2008 Meeting:** A motion was made by Jim and seconded by June to accept the corrected minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ralph and Katherine deeply appreciate the generous cash gift given to them at Christmas. He was impressed by the commitment of so many members serving the homeless during December. From now until Ash Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Ralph will conduct another round of one-on-one conversations. His goal is to have another 50. Pastor Ralph is looking for another two people to join him for a training event sponsored by the St. Paul Area Synod and ISALAH for Vital Congregations - Just Communities. It will include standard training in community organizing with some Biblical and theological rationale for this work. The training is Thursday night, February 19, all day Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Pastor Ralph is attending continuing education January 14 - 16<sup>th</sup>. He and Katherine will be taking a well deserved break February 13 - 16<sup>th</sup> (President's Day weekend). Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley has consented to preside at worship and preach on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Mary Lanoux was absent from the meeting but provided the report for review. December pledged giving was over by \$861.56 and pledges given are under \$577.83 for YTD.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Peter Solberg. December giving was good but the YTD was still low. All bills were just able to be paid. Lorrie made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports, motion was seconded by Christena. The motion was passed.

**Team Reports:** *Education/Youth* - Given by June. A meeting was held Wednesday evening. Several events were discussed. The current one will be an intergenerational bowling event on February 21 at St. Bernards.

*Property* - Given by Jim. A new sign will be put on the door. It will notify people about the door bell and state that no money is kept in the church.

*Worship & Music* - Meeting was held, the Lenten Soup Suppers were discussed and planned.

**Other Business:** *Annual Reports* - Due to Cindy by January 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Budget Report* - Presented by Peter Solberg. The proposed budget was reviewed by the Council. Some suggestions were talked about. A motion was made by Lorrie and seconded by Peter to increase the staff salary 3%. There were five yes votes and three no votes. The motion passed. Peter is going to make the changes and the Council agreed to meet Sunday after the worship service to review and give our final approval of the proposed budget to present to the members at the annual meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> for their approval.

*Funeral Fees* - A motion was made by Lorrie and seconded by June to change the Funeral Fees policy to state if a non-member does not have a luncheon with the funeral service, the fee paid will go into the general operating fund unless otherwise specified. This motion will include the fees received for the service for Ross Holmes. The motion passed.

*Kitchen Clean up* - The kitchen will be cleaned and a bulletin board will be put up with the

kitchen guidelines to be followed by anyone who uses the kitchen.

*Sis Johnson's Estate* - Sis Johnson left Galilee a significant amount of her estate to use for enhancing our worship. Ramsey County needs to sign off on one more thing and then the check will be sent to us. It was suggested that a committee be developed to discuss how best the money be used.

*Conference Assembly* - The St Paul Area Synod Conference Assembly will be Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 - Noon at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview. There will be a keynote address from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in the morning. After that the voting members gather in their conference caucuses where there are elections of representatives to other synod committees and resolutions done. Galilee is entitled to four voting members but more members are encouraged to attend. We need to identify who will be coming to represent Galilee.

*VIBE* - On January 4<sup>th</sup> the director of VIBE gave an informational talk during the adult forum. VIBE would cost Galilee \$5000 per year. While it is a wonderful program for youth, at this time we don't feel there would be enough involvement from our youth to incur that cost so we will not be participating.

*New Council Members* - The new Council members for 2009 are Ann Fehrman, Joan Jarombeck and Ron Peterson.

### **Coming Schedule:**

- Communion Assistants
  - January 18 - Joy, Christena & June
  - January 25 - no help needed
  - February 1 - Miriam
  - February 8 - Lorrie & June
  - February 15 - Christena, June & Miriam

Next Meeting - February 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.

- Devotions - Lorrie
- Drinks & Treats - Christena
- - Bulletin Board & Council Report

Lorrie made a motion to adjourn, Miriam seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Sunday.

### **Sunday, January 11, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Pastor Baumgartner, Miriam Peterson, Joy Brown, Lisa Atchison, Mary Lanoux, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Solberg, Christena Watson, June Wendt and Jim Zrust

**Other:** The budget does not include a Children's Ministry Coordinator but the council will put out the option to church members to revisit adding that staff member in the future.

**2009 Budget:** Peter presented the updated proposed budget as discussed at the Council meeting Thursday. The budget will be presented to the church members following the constitution with 11% given for benevolence. A footnote will be added explaining that it had been at 12% the previous two years. The motion was made by Joy and seconded by Jim to accept the proposed 2009 budget as presented. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Brown, Secretary

