

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2007

Present: Pastor Mathews, Dick Yost, Bill Oehler, Bob Davies, Barbara Stauffer, Sam Lesko, Todd Rehder

Dick indicated that the Evangelism sub committee of the Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team has recommended beginning Council and Team meetings with a devotion (which the committee will prepare for each meeting) and Dick read a passage reflecting on Easter. The meeting opened with prayer from Dick Yost at 7:35.

Minutes of the March 12 council meeting were presented and reviewed. No questions. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Barbara Stauffer and second Sam Lesko. Motion passed.

Treasurer report:

Sam, questioned why the balance of the reconciliations summaries total assets is not the same as the total of the summary of account balances total assets. Todd found exact amount in Youth contribution in regular checking.

The report process will be verified as to where the youth contribution should be reported.

A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Bill Oehler and second Barbara Stauffer. Motion passed.

Worship Ministry Team - Bob Davies

The piano from the parish house will be disposed of and the keyboard from the church moved to the parish house. Choir will then begin rehearsing at the parish. Minutes of the February meeting were distributed. Chairs will be added to choir loft for extra members as needed.

The altar guild placed Velcro on kneeling cushions to stop them from slipping and it seems to be working well.

Next meeting May 31.

Education Ministry Team Dick Yost

The team has a meeting upcoming. The superintendent responsibilities will be split between Heather Klien and Patricia Novicke –Schwoebel. They will divide the responsibility list and will make that list available to the team as well as teachers.

The Lenten services – dramas attracted 31 – 36 attended regularly. Pastor will look for something for next year as well.

Pre-school – The question arose if Marci will be here again for next year. Bengt will verify with Marci that she will be here.

Service and Outreach Ministry Team - Sam Lesko

The team will meet this week.

PHM subcommittees will be meeting this coming week.

The PHM program for April 17 will be on Autism

Social Ministry has an upcoming meeting.

Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team - Barbara Stauffer

Next meeting will be June 4.

There will be an event at Bear Creek camp April 14 for Men in Mission.

Fellowship potlucks dinners will begin on the first Saturday in May at 5:30.

Confirmation for 5 students will be May 27.

The Evangelism sub committee recommends that all meetings of the Ministry teams, sub committees and council open meetings with prayer and reflection. The committee will provide each team and committee with prayers and reflections. Volunteers will be needed to open council meetings.

Pictorial updates for new members will begin soon. Pastor indicated that Olan Mills now will run the directory registration themselves, no volunteers from church are needed. There are perks including coming back in a year to update new members. They will also do brochures for church. This would be helpful when a new directory is planned.

Support Ministry Team Ministry Team - Todd Rehder

Mark Davis has agreed to chair the personnel sub committee with help from Bengt Berg and Barbara Strangfeld.

No chair has been chosen for the property sub committee.

It is the recommendation of the team to move bank accounts to Citizens and keep PNC open until everything is cleared and set to close.

The committee needs to check on CD's for when they renew.

A Motion to approve move to Citizens was made by support ministry team (keeping PNC until all is cleared) including pre-school account and second from Bill Oehler. Motion passed. Bob suggests someone visit the offices at Citizens to notify of intent.

A motion was made by Bengt to approve the following authorized signatures: Pastor Mathews, Dave Howell and Bob Davies would be the authorized signatures. Pastor Mathews, Carole Hamersly and Bengt would be authorized signatures on the Pre-school account; second Sam Lesko. Motion passed.

The Support Ministry team resolves to declare employees of the congregation be ineligible to serve on council as well as members of the same family ineligible. Effective June 11, 2007. Sam questioned if this changes the by-laws? If so, we should table this issue until next meeting. Team does not need to follow up, just council. Question arose if this should be presented to congregation at the spring meeting. The motions were tabled until next meeting, May 7.

A motion to move Council meeting from May 14 to May 7 and have the Spring meeting of the congregation on May 13 was made by Barbara Stauffer and second Bill O. Motion passed.

The audit is coming along. The team will seek an assistant treasurer to help Dave.

OLD BUSINESS

2007 delegates for Synod Assembly. Bob will attend if another male delegate is not found.

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Festival will be held May 5 at Fatima Center. Dick and Bob attending. Dick will see about adult forum attendees.

Other: None

NEW BUSINESS:

New members Sara and Shawn Juers from Sharon Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND.

A motion to accept the transfer was made by Sam Lesko and second Barbara Stauffer. Motion passed.

Other: The Support team will follow up on nominations for Congregation Council. Members whose terms are expired include Larry Wood, Dick Yost, Bill Calhoon, and Mark Davis. Dick Yost and Bill Calhoon are both eligible for second term.

The Bigger Picture:

Sam will lead devotion for May council meeting.

A meeting of the Ministry teams, sub committees and any new volunteers will be scheduled for June 10 following the 9:30 am service. A light lunch will be provided in appreciation for service to ministry teams. Each team leader will be responsible to invite their members and notify the office of who will attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with the Lord's Prayer and a motion from Bill Oehler and second Barbara Stauffer at 8:55.

The next meeting will be May 7.