

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2008

Members present: Pastor Mathews, Steve Bettum, Steve Bowman, Bob Davies, Sam Lesko, Bill Oehler, Todd Rehder, Barbara Strangfeld and Dick Yost.

Confirmation students Jennifer Drazba and Sean Albright were in attendance and all were introduced.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with a prayer from Pastor Mathews.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Sam Lesko and second by Stephen Bettum. Motion passed.

The minutes of the June 1 Spring meeting of the Congregation were presented. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Barbara Strangfeld and second Todd Rehder. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Pastor indicated that the reports for the Thrivent funds aren't always current due to Thrivent website issues. Sam asked that the financial reports be explained as there are new council members in attendance. Pastor detailed the accounts and how the reports are generated and read.

Sam questioned whether there is any report presented or prepared that indicates the budget expectations year to date in order that we may see where finances stand exactly. Pastor responded that the Support Ministry team is looking into ways to simplify reports. Stephen Bettum indicated that he could see what he can do with Quicken and Excel.

A motion to accept the May Financial report as presented was made by Bill Oehler and second Steve Bowman. Motion passed. One person abstained.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:

Pastor provided a copy of the current council officers, responsibilities of council liaisons and Ministry Team rosters. A motion to close nomination of Bob Davies for Council Vice-President was made by Steve Bowman. Motion passed; Bob Davies appointed.

A motion to close nominations for Sam Lesko for Secretary was made by Bill Oehler. Motion passed; Bill Oehler appointed.

A motion to close nominations for Joyce Schwabe for Treasurer was made by Sam Lesko. Motion passed; Joyce appointed.

A motion to close nominations for Carole Hamersly for Financial Secretary was made by Bob Davies. Motion passed; Carole appointed.

The Congregational Ministry Team and sub committee liaison responsibilities assignment sheet was completed to the best of ability at this time. Members not present will be contacted to discuss options for serving on teams.

Pastor suggested that each Ministry team liaison contact members of their roster to determine if those people are still willing to serve on teams. All information should be updated for the July 21 council meeting.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BOB DAVIES

The Contemporary Worship task force met on June 3. The Worship team met on June 5. It was reported to the task force that the youth group members had discussed at their most recent meeting, ideas that the youth have regarding services and things that might interest them. A couple of youth group members were invited to attend the Worship team meeting on June 5. Becky Godusky attended the meeting and was able to share ideas with the team. Further discussion between all groups involved will take place and ideas shared.

No questions from council were presented.

Pastor indicated that a meeting has taken place with JP Lily an A/V specialist to obtain information regarding ideas for projection for Contemporary services. The Support team will look at info and make recommendations to bring to council in July.

Another area of concern is the choir space. Suggestions include moving the choir to the first few rows of the transept side and possibly use the choir loft for music for the contemporary services.

The hope is to accommodate everyone's needs.

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM – DICK YOST

Minutes of the May 5 meeting were provided. Dick has recently spoken with Heather Klien regarding the continuation of use of Akaloo and all agree it will continue.

The pre-school sub committee

SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM –

The minutes of the May 14 meeting provided. Connie McDonnell will be approached regarding chairing the team.

WITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BARBARA STAUFFER

The minutes for sub-committees of the Witness and Fellowship team were provided including; Evangelism, Leisure and Telling the Good News sub-committees.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM – STEVE BOWMAN

A meeting of the property sub-committee will be scheduled.

The team will seek ideas regarding the technology side of Contemporary services.

The support team will be looking at what options we have for financing the purchase of the property behind church for parking. Bill will have meeting with Joe Kelly to set closing date.

The Doughty appraisal is being sought.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Member transferred out: Jeannette Brzozowsky to St. Martin Evangelical Lutheran Church, Annapolis, MD. A motion to accept the transfer was made by Dick Yost and second Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

OTHER –

Pastor explained the format of Ministry Team reports for the benefit of new council members.

The Bigger Picture –

Deferred to July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with the Lord's Prayer and a motion from Steve Bowman and second Bill Oehler. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 14 at 7:30 pm.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary