



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes April 28, 2009

Attendance:

Name	Present	Not Present
Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Karen Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Phil Dell	X	
David Lippitt		X
Todd Buegler		X
Joan Freeberg	X	
Al Albrecht	X	
Kris Bjorke	X	
Tom Brady	X	
Lisa Toms	X	
Lisa Gedker	X	
Tim Jenneke	X	
John Hanson	X	
Jason McCarty	X	
Jennifer Baldwin	X	
Roger Seim		X
Katrina Bahen		X

Joan Freeberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Jennifer Baldwin offered a devotion about her oldest son graduating and going off to college and how he would always be her son no matter how old he gets. She then related that to our relationship with God our father

Learning Time: (*Lisa Toms*) Susan Boyle:

- People fail many times before they succeed
 - Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, HR Macy, WF Woolworth, Vince Lombardi, Walt Disney, Charles Schultz, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, and many more all had rejection and failure before they achieved success.
- Thoughts from the Book 212 degrees
 - One degree from 211 to 212 makes a difference in water boiling or not and thus allowing it to turn into steam and power something like a steam engine.
 - Going the extra mile for others as a Christian can move you to the 212th degree and make a big difference.
 - Leaving your comfort zone (Susan Boyle) taking risks.
 - "And Then Some" the difference between avg and good employees/individuals/Christians/neighbors



- Turn up the heat one degree
- Should we become the 212 degree church?

Council Action:

- Minutes of the March 31st, 2009 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.
 - Needed to strike the constitution compliance discussion from the minutes that were distributed. This discussion took place at the Feb meeting and should have been deleted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AL ALBRECHT, SECONDED BY JOHN HANSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 31ST 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

- Sign up for May Offering was passed around
- May Congregational Meeting Agenda this coming Sunday at 10:40am
 - Elect council members. Al will nominate the slate.
 - Al will summarize the proposed changes to the constitution and then we will vote.
 - Council members will help by passing out copies to those who want it.
- Peter will thank returning council members and Joan.

Faith Formation End Policies Report:

- Phil and Peter presented the report. (see the report for details)
 - Discussed about how our faith journey is not going to be point to point and it is freer flowing and individuals can define their own journey.
 - We need to make people aware that it is their responsibility.
 - It is open ended in that you always can be learning no matter where you are on your journey.

Campus Development Update:

- Temporary Building
 - The staff has determined that there are some significant advantages and uses for the additional classroom space. It could free up fellowship hall, choir room, and drama room for additional programming/events (funerals, bible studies, choirs, word for women)
 - We can survive without it, but it would allow us to do more and it would be easier.



- The pieces are not overly expensive. Joan called the Arlington school district and asked about costs/experience.
 - They have had them for a while and are renewing for 4 more years.
 - Costs to make it up to code are not included in the quote. (fire doors, sprinklers, ramps)
 - They spent some money insulating the buildings the buildings.
 - Estimated that we would be looking at \$600-\$800 a month for heating.
- We need more information about the costs before we make a decision.
- We will continue to go through the city process and determine not only if we can do it, but also what is needed if we choose to move ahead.
- Road Easements
 - Jason explained that the city would like an easement to put in a right turn lane going into our North entrance. It would be permanent and the city would pay us about \$46,000 for the 1/3 of an acre.
 - Our South entrance will be changed so that we still get a full intersection. We will have to provide a temporary easement to provide access for our neighbors to the west.
- Senior Housing
 - Still talking with all of the players and gathering information. Augustana, Thrivent and others.

Ministry Update:

- **Financial Summary**
 - We had a very good month, but we needed a very good month.
 - At end of April we will be about \$35,000 behind budget and a little more than that behind last year.
 - We are working at keeping expenses down. Individuals are calling in and changing their ACH amounts.
- **Staff Reports**
 - **Peter:**
 - Has started being the Corcoran Police Chaplin.
 - Heading down to ELCA Sr. Pastors of large congregations convention.
 - **Karen:**
 - Lots going on. We had a lovely confirmation service recently.
 - Missions in Ministry garage sale this weekend.
 - **Todd:**
 - N/A



- **Phil:**
 - Mayor breakfast coming up. One spot available.
 - 309 people have taken the survey so far. We need at least 600.
 - Muchas Gracias this weekend.

- **David:**
 - N/A

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM JENNEKE, SECONDED BY AL ALBRECHT TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 28, 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Jenneke