



## Congregational Council Meeting Minutes August 18, 2009

### Attendance:

Name	Present	Not Present
Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Karen Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Phil Dell	X	
David Lippitt	X	
Todd Buegler	X	
Laura Dirks	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	

Roger Seim called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Jason McCarty offered a devotion on from the essay "What you want most in Life"

### Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
  - Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Peter G-L, SECONDED BY Tom Brady TO APPROVE THE MAY 26TH 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

- UPDATE ON COUNCIL MEETING DATES
  - Oct 27<sup>th</sup> the whole church is booked, but we will find some room.
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the first communion festival so the pastors will be busy. We will move it to March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP
  - September and fill in remaining times in August.



- FINANCIAL REPORT
  - Reviewed June and July financial reports
    - Receipts and Spending are both down.
    - We are exploring how much of the member services under budget is savings and how much will be spent in the future. Benevolence will end the year at zero.
    - We may not make it to budgeted receipts and so we are looking at options for expense savings.
    - Columbarium keeps moving toward repaying all the money.
    - The payment for the right of way is in the Capital Reserve. The capital reserve will be paying for the capital projects as previously approved.
  
- RALLY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS
  - You can sign up in the narthex.

**Learning Time:** Peter G-L (Reveal Survey Discussion)

- Access to the full proposal is available on the LOL council website.
- There may be some “Baptist, non-Lutheran bias” to the questions.
- We think we have a good sample and have some good results, but these results need to be taken with a grain of salt.
- Summary:
  - People are very satisfied with LOL, the senior pastor (97% approval) and the leadership.
  - We scored low on spiritual practices and spiritual beliefs and attitudes. We will be focusing again on the Bible in 2009-2010.
  - We scored lower on the Christ Centered portion of the Spiritual Continuum. This provides us with a great opportunity. Personal effort is up to each individual; our job is to provide opportunity.
  - What members want most is programs for children, compelling worship, and want help in time of emotional need.
  - People don’t want accountability and expectations and don’t feel that they get it.
  - For the most part members are getting what is the most important to them.
  - We need to encourage members to serve on their own outside of activities the church sets up.
  - We need to encourage spiritual friendships and mentors
  - Bottom line our members are satisfied without being particularly motivated and WE ARE NOT OK WITH THAT.
- The ends policies anticipated most of these findings.



### **Global Governance Process:**

- ESTABLISHING ENDS POLICY MONITORING
  - Next month is “Caring Community”, the members of the group will be:
    - Looking at ends policies and activities and then reporting back thoughts on how we are doing.
    - Looking to see if any ends policies need to be changing.
    - Determining how we are going to evaluate our progress.

### **Ministry Update:**

- STAFF REPORTS
  - **Peter:**
    - 2 long time members passed away in July; Lloyd Svitak and Warren Morrinweiser.
    - ELCA assembly is happening in Mpls. Joan Freeberg is our delegate. It is off to a good start.
    - Met with a group called Kairos and we may use them to help us with the culture of generosity plan.
    - Talk about when we want to do a capital appeal.
  - **Karen:**
    - Adult ministries kicking off. Alpha
    - Hebrews study as a part of the year of the word 2 will focus on being Christ centered.
    - Looking for alternative groups like a drop in group, a face book group and a CD for in the car or at home.
  - **Todd:**
    - Summer is wrapping up.
    - Getting ready for fall
    - Adding Missy as a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ministry assistant redoing church school for those ages.
    - 4 weeks of bible school.
    - Next summer we may be doing a family Holden village trip.
  - **Phil:**
    - Working on campus development, staffing, Karing Kingdom and rally Sunday.
  - **David:**
    - Gearing up for book of Job class.
    - Celebration of Hope in Oct.
    - Lots of pastoral care needs.



**Adjournment**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM JENNEKE, SECONDED BY TOM BRADY TO ADJOURN THE August 18, 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55.

Next Meeting Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:00pm at Lord of Life

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Jenneke