



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes November 24, 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	

Approve Agenda:

Motion passed. Agenda approved.

Roger Seim called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Lisa Gedker offered a devotion about gratitude.

Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
 - Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Al Albrecht, SECONDED BY Jason McCarty TO APPROVE THE October 27th, 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP
 - Passed around. Roger encouraged us sign up for two services.



- FINANCIAL REPORT
 - The good news is that we are being careful on expenditures, the bad news is that we are \$62,000 behind on income and we didn't make it up in November as hoped. The \$100,000 in expenses savings seems like it is real.
 - We will send out a letter stating that this has been a hard year.
 - We are planning to pay all of our bills

Outreach Ends Policy Monitoring: (Jennifer, Roger & Pastor David)

- They made no changes to the 3 existing ends policies.
- 2 components to the policy are service and evangelizing.
- We currently have a lot of resources dedicated to the service portion of this; we don't have any current programs for evangelizing.
- They will measure participation, by numbers and evaluations.
- Looking to add additional service opportunities.
- Karen: Make sure that we support the existing missions by providing training.
- Service outreach opportunities offer us opportunities to evangelize.
- We need to work on building evangelizing into the "DNA" of the programs.
- We need to provide training to individuals to get them thinking more about evangelizing in their daily life.

"Finding a Way Forward" Task force update:

- Roger and other members provided a summary of the last task force meeting.
 - The timeline is set for study, education and input opportunities for all congregational members.
 - Peter will send out a letter in Jan 2010 stating the timeline and its components.
 - Hoping that this process can be a way for individuals to grow spiritually.
 - We talked about doing a book study for both the council and the task force.
 - We may all come together on the morning of the January council retreat to discuss the book.

Ministry Update:

- Peter
 - Just finished up an Alpha class. Went well
 - Has spent time with other ELCA pastors who are going through stressful times.
 - We have contracted with Kairos and Associates to help us with our stewardship program and culture of generosity.
 - Thanksgiving service tomorrow.



- **Karen**
 - Prayer retreat at Gustavus went well.
 - We have had a couple mission fundraisers this fall.
 - WFW is studying James in 2010
- **David**
 - David finishing up Job class.
 - Will be starting a class on the Psalms in January.
 - Abundant life is averaging 45 people on Thursday nights
- **Phil**
 - Starting to look at budget for 2010
 - Going to tour the YMCA at Shepard of the Lake
 - More individuals are asking for financial assistance.
- **Todd**
 - Family retreat at Wisconsin Dells.
 - Sr. High Youth minister search is coming to an end.
 - Looking at taking a family Holden village trip.
 - Finalizing AWOL 2010 trip locations.

Next ends policy discussion pushed to January 2010 (campus development ends policy)

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tim Jenneke, SECONDED BY Al Albrecht TO ADJOURN THE November 24, 2009 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19.

Next Meeting December 15, 2009 6:30pm at Tom Brady's house. Everyone please bring something to share as assigned by Janet Seim.

January council retreat is Saturday January 23rd 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Jenneke