

October 19, 2010 Council Minutes

Present at the meeting: Bonnie Ehrke, Jaime Lewellin, Pastor Clint Schnekloth, Steve Wagner, Peggy Luther, Miranda Hinrichs, Trudy Spike, Sabra Jacobson, Elizabeth Kaashagen & guests; Carroll Ehrke, Wilma Furseth and Harriet Eikland. Not Present: Kurt Klemp.

Opening Prayer & Devotions by Miranda. Prayer for God to work through us in what we do. "The Lord provides us with food and clothing... all we need from day to day" Broke up into groups of 3 to read scriptures and discuss what the passage(s) says about God's abundance. Make it Simple - God's Enough.

Stewardship update - Commitment cards have already been mailed out, awaiting replies. Trunk or treat will take place in the parking lot of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church...fun for all ages. Bonnie will give a reading on Commitment Sunday, October 31st along with showing of our congregations artistic gifts!

Financial report. Next year's annual budget will include a line item for kitchen supplies. Reviewed line items that are over budget or close to going over budget. Consent agenda fully discussed, Sabra motioned to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Trudy. Discussion had to add to Intern report, Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) will be starting up in our area, Miranda will find more information for us by next council meeting. If interested there is a website provided or do hands on research and volunteer at a host site in Dane county!! Passing on God's Abundance... Motion Passed.

Endowment committee has not responded to Council requests (emails and phone calls). PC motioned that endowment committee attend the next council meeting; inform status on production of brochure and report to us on the status of the endowment. Before the next meeting Steve will personally request their attendance as well as send a formal letter.

Budget and spending subcommittee: Peggy reported that this subcommittee met on the

12th. Together they came up with an advisory budget spreadsheet. This will be given to the budget committee simply as a recommendation!

Budget Committee: getting committee reports back. When all have been received, there will be a Budget meeting consisting of financial staff, president, and other interested congregational members. At this meeting, synod's request should be discussed, see below.

ELCA Synod Request: Met at Grace Lutheran with area pastors and the Bishop. Synod is requesting an additional 1% in giving that will be on top of the 8% (half of this goes to the Synod, the other half goes to global missions) in current giving from the Money Market Account. Council will have to vote on this giving of the endowment once the budget is constructed and report is received from the endowment committee on the status of the Money Market Account.

Redesignating PC's income as housing allowance: Pastor's salary would be redistributed as housing allowance.

Sara Yoder will return to meet with council and Lay Pastors on October 26th at 6:30 pm to further discuss the call process. Discussing call process, will use our own internal Lay Pastors and intern pastor until the beginning of 2011 (hopefully).

Amendment to the Agenda - Light fixtures for the office: Have become a fire hazard! Estimate received from Ready Electric. Will get a second quote before making any decisions.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor loves council meetings even if they are messy, because Jesus was here in a body to deal with the nitty gritty!
Meeting adjourned.