

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Gaul, Shaunda Murphy, Pastor Mark, Pam Larson, Mary Ellen, Jon Heseman, Susan Peterson, Matt Carnahan, Debbie Noe, Pastor Dave, Sherry Kocek, Ruth Cooperrider, Melinda Littler, Ellen Elmore, Tom Penningroth and Miranda Kurtt.

The meeting minutes were taken and prepared by Shaunda Murphy, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Mike Gaul.

- I. Dylan DeClerck's mother, Michele, came to report that Dylan's Eagle Scout project raised more money than he needed and would like some ideas from council as to what to donate the remaining \$1,362 to. The council suggested it be used for something similar to his project as that was the intent the donors had in giving him money in the first place. Council suggested putting the money towards a needed water irrigation system on the north side of the parking lot, or additional landscape or a sign for the west entrance.
- II. **Council "Up" Time** – Council used this time to reflect on the Commitment To Grow requests.
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Commitment to Grow – Approx. \$33,000 was raised for direct ministry purposes. Council will approve funds today for about \$22,000 of this. A total of 20 requests were received for today's meeting. Tom P. led discussions & questions from council members regarding the various requests. Tom maintained a spreadsheet where he kept track of changes made to requests.
Jon H. brought a motion to accept the Commitment To Grow requests as recorded on Tom's spreadsheet. Susan P. seconded the motion and the vote by council was unanimous. The next round of requests from ministries are due for the January council meeting. The approved requests will be communicated to the CTG donors and will be posted on the website.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**— A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the August meeting be approved as written.
- V. **Old Business (cont'd)**
 - B. Small Groups – tabled until next meeting
 - C. Facility Expansion Update – Shaunda M. discussed that the handout regarding furniture purchased is just for the council's information. Some items have been postponed until we're sure funds are available. Tables and chairs for the new classrooms should arrive this Thursday.
Mike G. reported that the addition should be in full use for the TriSynodical Conference on Sept 27. We are very close to our construction loan cap. Jon & Mike will be going to the Clive City Council this Thursday to obtain final approval from the City Council on the property plat. The City is requiring a deed restriction on the two duplex rental properties that states the church can not sell the duplexes without City approval.
 - D. Building Dedication & 25th Anniv – Mike G. reported that the Dedication will take place Oct. 3 at 6:30pm and the Anniversary Potluck will be after late service on Oct. 4. Jane Turner is organizing.
 - E. Financials – Mike G. reported that we are showing a \$6,000 net income position for Aug. mainly due to the Commitment to Grow contributions. Regular giving is still down from same time last year.
 - F. Council Out Activity – Mike G. will handle this via email with the group.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. 2009 ELCA Church Wide Assembly – Pastor Dave spoke on the results of this Assembly meeting, saying the overall tone was that we can agree to disagree, but we can still find ways to serve Christ collectively. He said that Faith will need to "listen" for a year or so to find out what members feel. David Cline is willing to come and share his Assembly experience to council. Pastor Dave will address the congregation regarding this in his sermon on Sept. 27.
 - B. Kifula Travelers Update – Ruth C. said we will continue to pursue ways to reach out to Kifula even though they aren't able to come visit us. The Kifula committee will have an announcement this Sunday. Other ideas the committee wants to focus on is: a) water well project- we have money for this

already, b) talk to members about a trip to Tanzania, c) making an audio CD (music & speaking) to send to Kifula, and d) exploring ways to improve communication, perhaps via internet.

C. 2010 Stewardship Update – Mike G. will handle this via email with the group.

D. Business Administrator position – the temporary person from Accountemps is no longer here as we felt we needed someone who was familiar with the church. Julie Crane will be filling the position temporarily.

VII. Board & Staff Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm. The next meeting will be October 13 at 6:30pm.