

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 13, 2007

Council Members attending: Pastor Scott Peterson, Ken Grant, Lee Smith, Lois Graff, Claire Strand, Tracy Armstrong, Erin McDaniels, Linda Zutter, Rhonda Gaede

Ken Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pastor Peterson opened with devotions on Matthew 1.

The November Budget Meeting minutes, November Council minutes and November Congregational Meeting minutes were reviewed. Rhonda Gaede made a motion to accept all the minutes. Lee Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: Written report attached. Discussion followed, initiated by Claire Strand, about expanding worship to reach the un-churched. Good worship will do that but we also need to always strive to get the un-churched to attend services. Because of the problems with candle wax after the Christmas Eve services last year, the Altar Guild ordered new candles and holders. We will ask that our custodian not do clean up of wax and that it will be a congregation responsibility.

Outreach: Written report attached.

Stewardship: Written report attached. Time and Talent drive coming up in January.

Youth: Written report attached.

Education & Youth: Written report attached.

Fellowship: Written report attached. The newly purchased warmer is useful and is very appreciated. Standard kitchen supplies will be provided for church fundraising events if desired. Pastor Peterson commended Linda on the great job she is doing as Fellowship representative.

Property: Glass in sanctuary door has been replaced. New windows have been ordered for the parsonage, most of them energy efficient. Lee Smith will write a check in 2007 for the purchase of the windows.

Finance: No report.

Pastor's Report: Written report attached.

Treasurer's Report: Written report attached. Rhonda Gaede made a motion that Lee Smith take \$75,000 and buy a CD with the term up to 1 year. Tracy Armstrong seconded and the motion carried. Lois Graff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Linda Zutter seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Communication: The website is great. The E-news length is good. E-news items are currently processed by Tim and Kay Spence.

Temple Talks: Lutheranch on January 20.

Fundraiser Policy: Ken Grant presented a draft of a fundraiser policy. Discussion followed, including the need for ongoing congregation communication. Lee Smith made a motion to accept the policy and Rhonda Gaede seconded. Claire Strand made a motion to table the vote until the January meeting. Linda Zutter seconded and the motion to table the vote carried.

Gideons: Ken Grant made a motion that we deny the Gideon's request. Rhonda Gaede seconded and the motion carried.

'Churches Starting Churches' Conference: There will be a "Churches Starting Churches" Conference in Tempe, Arizona from April 13-15. More information will be arriving in January.

New Sign Progress: The sign is still pending. Lee Smith requested that we investigate the setback so that we can place our sign as close to the highway as possible.

Lutheranch Pledges: The Council's Lutheranch pledges are due in January.

New Business:

Hymnals: Because they are switching to the ELW hymnal, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Huntsville has generously offered their LBW and WOV hymnals for use in the mission congregation and at Messiah. Pastor Peterson made a motion to accept the gift. Rhonda seconded and the motion carried. Lee Smith volunteered to store the hymnals at his residence pending need.

IRS Letter: Rhonda Gaede made a motion to accept the Parsonage Letter for the IRS. Erin McDaniels seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Secretary: The Council requested that Rhonda Gaede ask Marc Neely if he would be willing to serve as Financial Secretary for the 2008 term and to extend thanks and appreciation for his dedication and hard work. Rhonda made a motion that we appoint Marc Neely as Financial Secretary (upon his acceptance). Lee Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Lenten Offering Designation: After discussing options presented, Lee Smith made a motion that we split the Lenten offering evenly between Camp Victor and local Thrivent Builds. Claire Strand seconded and the motion carried.

Church Music Conference: Lois Graff requested possible funding for staff and some key volunteers from leadership training for a music conference at the University of Alabama on January 25-26. Rhonda made a motion that we authorize \$125 per person (for up to 3 people) to attend the music conference. Lee Smith seconded and the motion carried.

T-Shirts: Claire Strand made a motion that we authorize a Messiah logo T-shirt sale, orders taken during the month of January, with the ordering table in the Fellowship Hall and a display in the narthex. The council determined that this was not a fund raiser, but rather an Outreach method. Tracy Armstrong seconded and the motion carried.

Council Recognition Resolution: After some discussion about recognizing people in an ongoing and public way for their service to the church, Ken Grant made a motion that we table the Council Recognition Resolutions until the January meeting. Claire Strand seconded and the motion carried.

Rhonda Gaede made a motion to adjourn, Lois Graff seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Graff
Secretary

Attachments