

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 14, 2007

Council Members attending: Pastor Scott Peterson, Lee Smith, Lois Graff, Pete Woods, Claire Strand, Tracy Armstrong, Dorothy Seitz, Linda Zutter, Phil Pedersen, Rhonda Gaede

Other attendees: Jay Perry, Jayson Perry

Pastor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and opened with devotions about calling, with references to Paul and the election of our new Southeastern Synod Bishop.

Jayson Perry reported that he is in the finishing phase of his Eagle Scout project. He has finished a border, weed mats and gravel in the playground and will install a basketball goal in the parking lot very soon. A carwash fundraiser will be held at Arby's or if necessary, the church parking lot on June 22 or June 23. The remaining Thrivent Care in Congregations funds of \$150 may be used. Rhonda made a motion that Jayson be allowed to use the church parking lot for the fundraiser if necessary. Tracy Armstrong seconded the motion, which carried.

The May Council Minutes were reviewed and modification was requested that 'Long Range Planning Committee' should replace 'Claire Strand' under Old Business 'Review decisions and action plan from Council Retreat'.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: No report.

Outreach: Written report attached.

Stewardship: No report.

Youth: No report.

Education & Youth: Written report attached. Currently there are vacancies for teachers in the Parents & Tots, 3rd/4th, and 7th/8th grades and for a Tweens youth leader. Those vacancies should be filled soon.

Fellowship: Written report attached.

Property: Written report attached. Pastor Peterson reviewed arrangements that have transpired with Redstone Federal Credit Union in the last weeks/months i.e. parking places, sidewalk, landscaping work and possible driveway. The bank manager contacted him about putting in the driveway, effective immediately. They will pay all costs but require a letter stating hold harmless/release of liability stipulations. Lee made a motion to sign the attached letter to RFCU and ask them to remove the juniper that would block visibility. Lois seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Pastor Peterson was asked to

confirm the following in his next conversation with the bank manager and contractor: contractor's proof of bonding, drainage issues and that a drawing or sketch is available. Rhonda Gaede called question. Lee added to his motion 'after Pastor Peterson has discussed these concerns'. The motion carried.

Finance: A bake sale will be held June 17 with funds going towards the copier purchase. Payroll and Finance modules of the CMS program may be added this year. Spiritual Gifts inventory lists are available on CMS to those who need access to them.

Pastor's Report: Written report attached.

Treasurer's Report: Written report attached. Claire Strand made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Pete Woods seconded the motion, which carried.

Old Business:

Review Action Plan from Council Retreat: Council will discuss this at the next meeting.

Communication: Rhonda Gaede will provide information on list serve emailing.

Temple Talks: Via de Cristo on July 8, 2007

Audit Committee Progress: The committee would like to finish in the next 1 – 2 weeks. They have no concerns as far as check writing but would like to be more comprehensive in the auditing process.

Gary Christensen Visit: We are awaiting a proposal from him.

Personnel Committee: Rhonda Gaede will contact the committee to activate, asking them to review their job description and to address the issue of a contact person for the nursery attendant.

Stewardship Letter on Continuation of New Facilities Fund: Tracy Armstrong and Pastor Peterson will work on this.

Food Warmers: Dorothy Seitz will follow up on Erin McDaniel's inquiry about the youth donating \$500 towards the purchase of food warmers. Lee Smith will transfer the funds with a written request.

New Business:

New Council Member Orientation: Binders from previous council members should be passed to new members. Reports should be emailed to Council members before each meeting if possible.

Communications ‘Czar’: The Council discussed possible facilitators for disseminating information and evaluating strengths and weaknesses in our communication processes. Tracy Armstrong suggested having more than one person serve in this role utilizing more than one set of gifts. Rhonda Gaede will ask the Personnel Committee to develop a job description or will start on it herself.

Date for Council Retreat: Possible date September 7–8, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. and closed with the Lord’s Prayer. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Graff
Secretary

Attachments