

## **Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

### **November 8, 2007**

**Council Members attending:** Pastor Scott Peterson, Ken Grant, Lee Smith, Lois Graff, Pete Woods, Claire Strand, Dorothy Seitz, Erin McDaniels, Linda Zutter, Phil Pedersen, Rhonda Gaede

**Other attendees:** Barbara Azzam, Kay Spence, Stacy Tidwell, Bob Loshuertos

Ken Grant called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Pastor Peterson opened with prayer.

The October Council Minutes were reviewed. Lee Smith asked for a slight modification to 'Advent Offering' paragraph, which Rhonda Gaede will change. Rhonda made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lee seconded and the motion carried. The October Retreat Follow-up Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Pastor Peterson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Rhonda seconded and the motion carried.

**Lutheranch:** The Council watched a Lutheranch DVD. Messiah's commitment (through the use of individual/household pledges) to the building/expansion/acquisition process is \$25,000 over a period of 3 years. Kay Spence proposed that the Council support a 5-week pledge period from January 20 – February 17, 2008 with pledge collection by children on Challenge Sunday, February 24. She asked that the Council submit their individual pledge cards by February 14 to show the congregation their support of the program. Lee Smith made a motion to accept the timeline presented. Rhonda seconded and the motion carried.

**Playground:** Stacy Tidwell reported on behalf of the Playground Committee. After much research and some scaling back, the Committee has decided on commercial-grade playground equipment, which will accommodate various ages. The cost is \$8,350 and roughly \$6,800 has been raised to cover the cost. Stacy asked the Council to either loan existing church monies or allow the Committee to accept 0% financing for 6 months from the equipment company. Over the next 6 months, fundraising efforts will be done to eliminate or greatly reduce the deficiency. Lois Graff made a motion to pay the total amount in January, have the playground equipment installed with the understanding that a yard sale will be done in Spring 2008 to offset the balance. Rhonda seconded and the motion carried.

**Fundraisers:** Bob Loshuertos asked that fundraiser guidelines be implemented. He asked that the Council approve all fundraising efforts and fundraisers only be held for missions outside the congregation. Ken Grant, with input from the Executive Committee will draft a policy to present at the next Council meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Worship & Music:** Written report attached.

**Outreach:** Written report attached. Ken Grant made a motion to accept the design of the business cards presented with changes discussed. Lee Smith seconded and the motion carried.

**Stewardship:** Written report attached.

**Youth:** Written report attached. Erin McDaniels reported that approximately 16 youth attend meetings.

**Education & Youth:** Written report attached.

**Fellowship:** Written report attached. A potluck will be held on January 13 in celebration of Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo's visit.

**Property:** Written report attached. Phil Pedersen reported that they are working toward the replacement of parsonage windows by the end of the year.

**Finance:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Written report attached.

**Treasurer's Report:** Written report attached. Ken Grant made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pete Woods seconded and the motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

**Budget Update:** The revised 2008 budget is \$8000 over projected income. Ken Grant made a motion to accept the budget as amended. Lois Graff seconded and the motion carried.

## **Temple Talks:**

1. Virgil Burrer and Richard Webb on Thrivent Katrina Relief mission.
2. Lutheranch

**Facilities Coordinator Vacancy:** Tabled until the December meeting.

**Office Administrator:** Linda Boehme would like to cut back on her hours and is interested in a job share. Pastor Peterson is working with Linda to identify and contact possible candidates.

**New Bank:** Lee Smith and Rhonda Gaede have researched First Commercial Bank and Redstone Federal Credit Union to decide on the best choice for our banking needs. Discussion has been deferred to allow them time to make the decision.

**New Business:**

**Gideons:** The Gideons would like to make a presentation at the church on a Wednesday night. Ken Grant made a motion to defer discussion until the December meeting. Phil Pedersen seconded and the motion carried.

**Sign Task Force:** Rhonda Gaede, on behalf of the Sign Task Force presented a proposal for a new sign. Rhonda made a motion that the Council recommend to the congregation at the November 18<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting use of 2007 monies to fund the church sign with a maximum of \$7,500. Linda Zutter seconded and the motion carried.

**Advent Offering:** Claire Strand recommended several possible local beneficiaries. After discussion, Ken Grant made a motion that Advent Offerings be divided equally between Pastor Castillo's pastoral salary (Lutheran Church in Guatemala) and the Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen. Rhonda seconded and the motion carried.

**Building Usage Request – Huntsville Music Study Club:** Theresa Scholz, an acquaintance of Bob Gustafson requested use the sanctuary on April 25, 2008 for a student recital. Rhonda Gaede made a motion to accept the request, Pete Woods seconded. The motion carried.

Rhonda Gaede made a motion to adjourn, Dorothy Seitz seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Graff  
Secretary

Attachments