

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Minutes
April 27, 2009

Members Present: Pastor Fruhling, Pastor Hagstrom, Chris Lindell, Dave Evans, Rick Erickson, Von Cary, Kurt Beenen, Jeff McGuire, Sue Pearson, Jan Rushford, Dave Brauhn, Jane Lindell, and Pauline Pristash

Opening Prayer & Devotion:

The president called the meeting to order and opened it with prayer. Von Cary led devotions, reading Psalm 138

Approval & Review of Minutes:

Sue Pearson moved acceptance of the minutes of the March meeting, Jeff McGuire seconded the motion, and it carried.

Financial Report:

Jeff gave the financial report, saying that the finances are on track, and we are doing well. Jane Lindell stated that giving is up ten percent over this time last year. Dave Brauhn moved acceptance of the financial report, Von seconded the motion, and it carried.

FFT Report:

Chris Lindell reported for the Future Facilities Task Force. They recommend that the building plans include a new worship center for traditional worship, which would work better accoustically. Pledges amount to \$3,857,000 to date. There is a great need to add worship space, even though worship attendance is not growing as rapidly as it did for quite a few years. Dave Brauhn moved that the Council recommend that the congregation approve a building project not to exceed \$7,000,000 in building costs, as recommended by the Future Facilities Task Force. Jan Rushford seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Sabbatical Proposal:

Pastor Fruhling presented his plans for his sabbatical leave for the months of June, July, and August. Pastor Jonathan will be on fulltime status for that period, and he and Pastor Hagstrom will carry out the duties that Pastor Fruhling presently does. Pastor Hagstrom will serve as acting senior pastoral leader. Jeff moved acceptance of this plan, Kurt Beenen seconded the motion, and it carried.

Capital Campaing:

Jane presented a resolution to open new accounts for the capital funding campaign and one for authority to sell assets. Sue moved that these resolutions be approved, and Dave Brauhn seconded the motion, which carried.

ELCA Discussion:

The Synod Assembly will be held at Wartburg College on June 12th and 13th. Dave Brauhn will be a delegate if his schedule permits.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Hagstrom reported on the "Reveal Survey" and reviewed the five bold steps for the benefit of the new council members.

Pastor Fruhling presented his report. The new fourth service, "The Gathering," So far, there have only been two services, but attendance at those two has been over 75. This is a two-month trial period.

Missions:

The Mission Team is not planning a mission trip to Texas/Mexico for a while because of the violence on the Mexican side of the border. They are considering beginning a relationship with a mission partner congregation in Tanzania. The purpose of the relationship would be to foster relationships between pastors, councils, and other groups in our congregations, and to learn more about their setting for ministry.

Other business:

Jane suggested thank you's for Sue and Pastor Hagstrom for all their work during the capital campaign.

Jan asked about thank you's to the people who made pledges to it. Pastor Fruhling said that letters were sent to each person, and that he tried to write a short personal note on each letter.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting closed by praying "The Lord's Prayer," and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Pristash, Secretary