

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Council Meeting
February 15, 2010**

Members Present: Dave Brauhn, Von Cary, Emily Wellnitz, Jeff McGuire, Kurt Beenen, Rick Erickson, Jan Rushford, Chris Lindell

Visitors: Pastor David Hagstrom, Pastor Nan Hirleman Trimpe, Louanne Neville, Dan and Jody Skogen, Dan and Tammy Whitlow, Sue Pearson, Steve Rushford, Jane Lindell,

Call to Order:

President Chris Lindell opened the meeting with prayer at 4:02 in due form.

Chris Lindell announced that Pastor Perry Fruhling was unable to attend this council meeting but would be at the congregational meeting at 7:00pm.

Chris Lindell welcomed our newest council member: Emily Wellnitz.

Chris Lindell then presented the slate of officers for 2010:

- Dave Brauhn – Vice President
- Jeff McGuire – Treasurer
- Jan Rushford – Secretary

Council member Von Cary motioned to accept the slate of officers and council member Jeff McGuire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Devotion:

Von Cary presented the devotion from Romans 3:3 regarding faithfulness.

Review & Approve January Minutes:

The minutes of the January 24th meeting were approved.

FFT Report:

Chris Lindell asked Dan Whitlow to present a summary regarding the Future Facilities Team report. Dan provided a summary and stated that the full report would be presented tonight at the special congregational meeting at 7:00 pm. The FFT is recommending to council and the congregation a \$7.4 million building project.

Jane Lindell provided the Building Cost and Funding Summary Report, which will also be presented at the congregational meeting tonight at 7:00 pm. Jane also covered a chart comparing 1999 to 2009 statistics to advocate St. Mark's readiness for our growth project.

Jane Lindell presented the names of our financial committee member team.

Imagine Update:

Chris Lindell enlisted Pastor David Hagstrom to present the Imagine Appeal update. The presentation included a look at the top 50 givers at St. Marks and the significance of this information towards our building project.

Council member Dave Brauhn motioned to accept the Future Facilities Proposal and Council member Jeff McGuire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chris Lindell thanked all teams and everyone involved in this exciting building project.

2010 Priorities:

Chris Lindell asked Council for a list of 2010 priorities. The items brought up as priorities:

1. Successful building project and ongoing support for giving and celebration.
2. ELCA / LCMC study task force as well as the leadership study.
3. 120-year celebration.
4. All discipleship plans fully implemented.
5. Implement the Resource Development Plan team.

Other Business:

Council member Emily Wellnitz brought up the need to potentially consider absentee / proxy balloting for congregational meetings. Council discussion included that members have advocated for this and, if considered, the Constitution would need to be amended to proceed with this suggestion. This item will be brought up for future council discussion.

Statistical reports were provided for the periods:

- November 13, 2009 – Dec 12, 2009
- December 13, 2009 – January 12, 2010
- January 13, 2010 – February 15, 2010

Chris Lindell asked if there was other business. Von Cary mentioned that our legal name is St. Mark vs. St. Mark's. Discussion included that St. Mark is the name in the constitution and needs to be used in legal documents.

Chris Lindell opened the floor to our visitors:

Louanne Neville asked that the Caring Ministry be a consideration in the 2010 priorities.

Meeting Adjourned:

Chris Lindell closed the meeting at 5:35pm and everyone in attendance joined in on the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Rushford
Secretary