

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Council Meeting
March 29, 2010

Members Present: Dave Brauhn, Von Cary, Emily Wellnitz, Jeff McGuire, Kurt Beenen, Jan Rushford, Chris Lindell, Pastor Perry Fruhling

Visitors: Pastor David Hagstrom, Louanne Neville, Dan Skogen, Tammy Whitlow, Daryl Julich and Sher Jasperse, Karen Balderston, Steve Larson, Erik Miles, Don and Marj Grimm, Kathy Moss, Dick Spencer, Bruce and Betty Lindholm, Dick Spencer.

Opening Prayer & Devotion:

President Chris Lindell opened the meeting with prayer at 3:57pm in due form. Chris Lindell read Psalm 105 as our opening prayer.

Council member Von Cary presented the devotion from a Max Lucado book, "Grace for the Moment" and read John 20:19.

Review & Approval of Minutes:

The previous council meeting minutes were approved with one correction brought to the table by Council member Jeff McGuire. The correction is in reference to the Feb. 15th meeting minutes, page 2, and item 3 in regards to St Marks celebrating 125 years rather than 120 years.

Financial Report:

Jeff McGuire provided the report on the financial update and there was discussion that we need to study the general fund envelope giving after Easter. Overall giving (operating and capital) year over year is up significantly, but general operating contributions are lagging the 2010 budget.

Pastor Perry Fruhling is looking at hiring needs and holding cost down based on current giving.

Chris Lindell provided an update on the building financing. Currently needing an abstract for Thrivent, and the bondholder agreement, which is in motion. Options are being explored for a standard sewer non-utility franchise agreement needed by the City and associated liability insurance.

Building Update:

Chris Lindell announced approximately 240 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony Sunday March 28, 2010.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Perry Fruhling provided a short briefing on the Pastors reports which were included in the meeting handouts.

ELCA Discussion:

Dave asked everyone present to think about all issues (good and bad) surrounding our relationship with the ELCA.

Based on the exercise the group identified 5 super-header categories:

- 1) Sexual, social, overall, perceived controversy issues
- 2) Biblical theology
- 3) Structural, process, data
- 4) Culture, emotion
- 5) Denominational support (both ways)

Pastor Perry Fruhling asked if anyone would be available to attend a LCMC meeting in Omaha on April 26, 2010. Dave Brauhn will attend and will report back with the information received at the meeting.

Other Business:

Chris Lindell said that we needed to choose another date for our next council meeting. The new date will be Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 4:00 at the church and will be announced to the congregation.

Council closed session discussion:

Pastor Perry Fruhling provided an update on Pastor Nan.

Meeting Adjourned:

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

Council member Emily Wellnitz volunteered to type the affinity diagram with each individual idea included.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Rushford, Secretary