

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
November 19, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Valla Wrona, Bill Miller, Tony Crane, Christie Kramer, Jim Capelli, Jan Yost, Joey Burmeister, Pastor Jeff Gallen, and Sharoll Blodgett (Recording Secretary).

Visitor: Elaine Carlson

Absent: Larry Hughes, Darrel Bjornson, Lucy Vesterby

Meeting called to order by President Bill Miller

1. Opening Meditation and Devotion: Pastor Jeff led the group in opening devotions and prayer
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept the October minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurers' Report: Les distributed the Financial Statement and budget pages along with the proposed 2010 budget, which will be reviewed and discussed later.
4. Update on the Building Project and Loan Documentation: Jim Capelli reported that over 80% of the building is complete. The Parking lot is almost completed and a portion will be opened within the next couple of weeks. Lucy will be meeting with Thrivent representatives tomorrow to update them on the progress of our funding program. Hopefully we will have electricity to the building within the next 5-6 weeks.
5. Candidacy Committee: Bill Miller reported that council members and/or his committee have contacted several members regarding filling some of our vacant positions. There have been no definite commitments yet, but we still have another month to continue talking with congregation members about these positions. Bill will give us an update at the December council meeting.
6. Budget Review: The council spent the majority of our meeting on discussing the proposed budget for 2010. Everyone has submitted their proposed budget to Les and after much discussion and some changes; a proposed final budget was done. Les will make the changes discussed and present a final copy for approval by the Council at the December meeting. Elaine Carlson asked that the council approve the paying of all routine monthly expenses on line. Motion was made and seconded that the routine monthly bills be paid on line. Motion carried.
7. Open Discussion: Les told the members that we now have 20 cops who do not have a member praying for them. It was suggested that maybe some of the new members would be interested in adopting these cops. Either Pastor or Les will speak to the members of the congregation on Sunday. Les also suggested that we have another party for the cops and the civilian staff, but it was decided that we would wait until the new building was open before we did that.

Jim requested that the annual meeting reports be submitted to him by the first week in January. Please limit your report to one page.

The next council meeting will be on December 11th at Pastor Jeff's home. It will be our Christmas Party. There will be a short meeting, food, fellowship and a white elephant gift exchange.

8. Following are the reports submitted by the team leaders:
 - a. Education -:No report.

- b. **Worship & Music** - We reported in the September '09 Council Minutes that in order to better serve the demographics of the 2nd worship service (1030) on Sundays, the Service had been modified to make it somewhat shorter. In addition, there had been some changes in worship song selections. These modifications seem to have gone well. That being said, we have now begun a further transformation of the 2nd Service into a more contemporary/praise worship service. In this type of Service, we understand that the integrity of the Lutheran liturgy must be retained. Although Harriet has a ton (or more!) of God-given talents, planning and organizing this type of worship service is not one of them. Therefore, effective 24 January 2010, Harriet will no longer take the leadership role in the 2nd Service. This change will, of course, require someone to step forward to plan and organize that Service and for others to volunteer and assist with the liturgy and music. Members of the Worship and Music Team, after thoughtful prayer, will be contacting ministers in our congregation who would be likely candidates. As we go forward, we ask you also to pray for CELC as we go through this liturgy transformation in our 2nd Service. We must view it as an exciting time at CELC and one that is God's calling."
 - c. **Evangelism** – Thanks to Pastor Jeff and Bob Stubbs for recent 16-person new member class, most in recent history of community. A search is on to replace Tony Crane for Evangelism Council member in 2010.
 - d. **Fellowship** -There's not a lot to report this month other than the fellowship items discussed during the meeting, which follows.

There was some discussion during the council meeting about the direction of the fellowship coffee hour. Pastor Jeff talked about having it serviced by an outside source. I have also heard of a suggestion of having one person in charge for each month and allowing them to find helpers for the month. If the coffee hour is serviced (catered), it will then come out of the budget. No decisions were made as of yet as more investigation needs to be done.

It was determined during the council meeting that janitorial is now supplying all of the toilet paper and tri-fold towels for the restrooms and kitchen, so Fellowship is no longer required to purchase those items. The janitorial team should be aware that there are boxes of toilet paper and tri-fold towels in the shed out back as well as the roll paper towels for the kitchen.
 - e. **Facilities** – No report.
 - f. **Stewardship** – No report.
 - g. **Outreach** – No report.
 - h. **Youth** – No report.
9. **Pastor's Closing Remarks & Reflections:** In his closing remarks, Pastor Jeff thanked the members for their hard work on the budget and their support with the new building project. He asked for continued prayers for the building project as well as all members of our community.
10. **Closing Prayer and Adjourn:** Pastor Jeff led the group in closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharoll Blodgett
Recording Secretary