

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

Absent: Larry Hughes and Darrel Bjornson

Meeting called to order by President Bill Miller

1. Opening Meditation and Devotion: Bill led the group in opening devotions and discussion. Pastor Jeff led the group in opening prayer.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept the September minutes as presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurers' Report: Les was absent so there was no treasurer's report.
4. Update on the Building Project and Loan Documentation: Jim Capelli reported that the building is coming along beautifully. They are now working on the inside and they will be starting the parking lot in a couple of weeks. The APS issue is still not resolved. APS is waiting for their check before they will complete their work. APS did allow the contractor to dig the trenches and put in the piping so that when payment is made, they will install the electrical underground and pull it through the piping. There seems to be some miscommunication among the representatives at Thrivent. Not everyone is giving the same answers regarding how much additional funding need to be raised before the loan is approved. Jim and Lucy will be having a telephone conference call this week to resolve this issue.
5. Candidacy Committee: Bill Miller has agreed to be the council representative on this committee along with Kate Reed and Tarinda Fallos, who were elected at the annual meeting. Some of the team leaders who are resigning have approached members of the congregation about agreeing to assume these duties. Bill asked the team leaders to give him a list of the people who had been approached and any other member that they felt might be interested in these positions, so that the committee can meet, pray and approach at least one person for each open position by the next council meeting. He also asked the members to pray for him and the committee members as they start this process.
6. Open Discussion: Jan Yost handed out the new directories to each member of the council. She said that they would be available at the church on Sunday morning for distribution. There will be a potluck brunch between services at 9:30 to welcome the new members that will be joining our community on Sunday.

Bill asked the council members to have their proposed budgets to Les before the next council meeting. **The deadline for this was set for the 2nd Thursday in November.** The November council meeting will be used for budget planning. The December council meeting will be the Council Christmas party. It will be at the home of Bill Miller on Friday, December 11th at 6 pm. There will be more information forthcoming.

7. Following are the reports submitted by the team leaders:
 - a. Education - We had Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Night on October 3rd--lightly attended but greatly enjoyed. During that time together, all of the volunteers were given a tote bag and supplies for the school year, including a CD of the complete Sunday School curriculum and spreadsheet of lesson plans. This will give the teachers a reference for what lesson to teach on any particular Sunday and content details, as well as knowing the overall flow and context.

Tarinda Fallos, our Sunday School Coordinator & Scheduler, will no longer be sending out emailed reminders with the curriculum pages the week prior to a volunteer's teaching. They have it all on this CD. She will also make sure that there is a current list back by the sound room of who is teaching when. Tarinda will continue to ask

volunteers for dates that they can teach, and will make sure to update the volunteer sheet on the board.

We also discussed how to do Sunday School in the new building. Most still would like Sunday School to be during service; so we'll be working out the logistics behind that. If any parents/volunteers have ideas or thoughts about our Sunday School structure in the new setting, please let the Ed Team know. We need optimal input for optimal outcome:)

- b. Worship & Music - The proposed budget for 2010 has been submitted and is \$15,200 which represents about a 4% increase over 2009.

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Worship and Music Team Leader are to:

- Support and share the vision of the ministry at CELC,
- Recruit competent and committed Team members that share the vision of the Team,
- Participate or have a Team member participate in church council meetings,
- Schedule and facilitate regular meetings of the Worship and Music Team,
- Work closely with and provide ongoing support to the Worship and Music Facilitator and the Pastor in matters pertaining to worship and music,
- Participate in the evaluation of worship and music materials,
- Draft an annual worship and music budget to be presented to the Council,
- Review and sign purchase orders related to worship and music budget items,
- Recruit, educate, train and schedule worship assistants – greeters, ushers, communion assistants, assisting ministers, lectors, altar guild, media assistants and acolytes.

The Remodeling Committee priorities to be considered for funding through the Lutheran Thrift store are (in rank order):

1. Install 2 windows in the Cave area (\$1000)
2. Interior window trim in the Sanctuary (\$543)
3. Install wood flooring in the altar area (\$4937)
4. Install drywall in the Sanctuary (\$5500)
5. Paint the Sanctuary (\$1000)

- c. Evangelism – No report

- d. Fellowship - Fellowship will be finishing up its final draft of Roles & Responsibilities to send to council and has finished its final budget as previously sent out, although I will forward it to Les as a final budget.

Pastor Jeff is coordinating a fellowship event in November to go to one of the "catechism-type" plays. These are always a hilarious time, and I encourage everyone to attend. We always need more laughter! Please see Pastor Jeff for tickets and times.

- e. Facilities – No report.

- f. Stewardship – No report.

- g. Outreach - We have not had to turn anyone away for this month and that is a win-win situation for us! We did go over 55 one week but had a smaller group the week before. We are looking ahead to the holidays and still want to provide the pork/turkey/meat items for them the week of Thanksgiving. We will also have the names for the Angel tree up and ready by the Sunday before Thanksgiving for people to be able to take advantage of Black Friday sales. We thank everyone for their donations -- it's such a joy to see those items come in that we've requested!

- h. Youth - Coming off a frantic high from the big ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans , Mathetes youth ministries finds itself with a wonderful opportunity to start fresh and begin a new era. We say 'good luck' to the 2009 high school graduates Sarah Kramer, Karen Shepherd, Lillie Orth, and Abraham Cruz as they begin a new chapter in their lives with adventures in college. We say 'til next time' to Amanda and Andrew Poole as they test the waters with another youth group. We also lose Bill and Judy Miller as Bill

focuses on his journey to ministry and Kim Coburn as she focuses on her collegiate studies. On behalf of Mathetes, I want to thank Bill, Judy, and Kim for their time and energy they put into youth ministries. We've been told that Bill may do a cameo appearance occasionally for some rockin' guitar playing (Cheeseburger in Paradise , anyone?). With our losses we also have gains. We welcome Jason Blankenship and Julie Higley to the youth leadership team while keeping Trevor Askeland and Tonya Reising on the team. Joey Burmeister will also remain with the youth group and plans to represent the youth on council for another 2-year term. Trevor and Jason will be attending a Youth Leader Certification course in Florida in a few months. In the meantime, we will be getting back to basics with slowing things down a bit, concentrating on applying Biblical studies to the kids' questions on faith, God, Jesus, religion, and other interesting topics. We are also focusing on more local service projects and living out Jesus' example of serving justice to our community. Oh, yes. Fundraisers will still be a part of our activities. And we cannot forget the opportunity to share our support for the new building. As the building opens for business, Mathetes will inherit the current fellowship hall as its youth center. We are excited about the future and what we can do to live out our faith and reach out to our community,

8. Pastor's Closing Remarks & Reflections: Pastor talked about the building and our minimum struggles and how it really has gone very smoothly. He stated that the building now has a name and it will be revealed on Sunday morning. He thanked everyone who will be leaving for their hard work and dedication to this congregation. He asked that we all continue to pray for our community. He also thanked Jim Capelli for his leadership ability with the building project.

9. Closing Prayer and Adjourn: Pastor Jeff led the group in closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharoll Blodgett
Recording Secretary