

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
10/21/09

Members Present: Kentt Habben, , Jeff Arnold, Erick Ose. Gene Doscher, Don Wilcox, Karen Erickson

Staff Present: Pastor John Martinson, Joan Moline, Diane Trew

Guests Present: Jonelle Schmidt, Robin Abner, Emily Habben, Holly Rodahl

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Secretary's Report M/S/P
- b. Treasurer's Report M/S/P

2. Report from Youth Ed., Youth and Family Ministries, and Youth Activities Coordinator Diane Trew.

- a. The three entities presented a list that divides the activities involving youth. Although a few activities' placement was debated, the council **M/S/P** to accept the division of duties as printed and that the Youth and Family Ministries may rename the board Our Redeemer's Family Ministry. Robin will send an email to Karen so that the division of responsibilities may be attached to the minutes.

3. Pastor's Report

- a. Pastor Martinson was present and reported on his recent activities, including community contacts and contact within the congregation. He has assumed responsibility for teaching seventh and eighth grade confirmation; he will meet with ninth graders as needed.
- b. Pastor Martinson expressed concern about staff members who leave the church premises during business hours. The board **M/S/P** a motion that employees who leave the premises must sign out.
- c. Pastor Martinson presented a sample bulletin. He recommended that we print bulletins in-house instead of paying for color covers that cost about \$1800/year. **M/S/P**.
- d. Pastor Martinson requested that Christmas carols be sung during advent and planned to sing carols the first Sunday in Advent.

4. Old Business

- a. President Ose, Pastor Martinson, President of SOTH Pearl Hanson and interim SOTH Pastor Hanson will meet to discuss possibilities of shared positions as a sort of trial run.
- b. Video Projection ad-hoc committee report: Lyle and Gwen Grove Krogstad have pledged \$10,000 toward the installation of a projector, screen, and computer. The council felt that the money for the project, estimated at \$25,000-\$30,000 needed to be raised before going ahead with the project.
- c. The call committee has a draft of the job description of the shared duties of the pastor.

5. New Business

- a. Budget. Joan reported that the Christine Thorson account has \$20,000. Interest from the account is used for sponsoring some youth activities. In addition, \$6,894 of interest income from oil residuals is also one of the church assets.

The council agreed that the principal would not be touched, but that interest on the principal could be spent.

- b. Marilyn Inman will donate a wireless sound system to the church at a cost of approximately \$9000, payable in 2010. Council discussed moving money (borrow from video fund account and youth personal accounts) to cover the cost of the system until we receive the contribution.
- c. Council received information about church boards and budgets. Board members and staff members will be mindful of budgets and will submit receipts for expenses in a timely fashion. President Ose and Pastor Martinson will speak to individual staff or board members, as needed.
- d. Nov. devotions: Pastor Martinson, Nov. Temple talk, Jeff; Dec. devotions and temple talk: Don.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 18, at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted
Karen Erickson, substituting for Deborah Moorse