

Grace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009

The Meeting was called to order by Michelle Peterson, Council President at 6:30pm.

The August minutes were approved with minor wording changes. Motion by Pam Huntington, second by Kevin Peterson.

Treasurers Report – Pam Huntington

No outstanding bills as of September 7, 2009. Incoming: \$31166.11. Outgoing: \$30635.95. Benevolence \$1226.51

\$1500 was transferred from summer savings leaving a balance of \$2258.10. There is one CD coming due in the next month \$10,200.

Bills coming due: Promissory note payment \$4050, October 2009; City Water Assessment \$1200, January 2010; Workman's Comp recently paid.

Fellowship

“No Packer Game” tailgate party October 11

Fall/winter cookbook sale: first book at \$14, each additional book at \$10

Property – Kevin Peterson

No leaks in the roof (by the kitchen) since the last repair

New parking lot will be sealcoated and striped (\$2500) per our contract from 2008

Tom Ludwig is developing next to our lot and previous agreement was to hook into city water and sewer through his line. At this time the council discussed two options:

#1 Hook up sanitary line and stop 10 feet inside our lot line, also include storm sewer pipe to their storm sewer system – Cost \$3525

#2 Hook up our sanitary to the city (near our septic tank), connect storm sewer pipe to storm sewer system – Cost \$9568

After discussion the council voted to connect the storm sewer pipe and stop with sanitary 10 feet inside our lot line, ready for future hook up to city water and sewer.

Education – Mark Lee

September 13 is rally Sunday. The lesson is lost coins and lost sheep. A few rotation teachers are still needed.

Youth

Confirmation classes start 9/9/09 for 5th through 9th grade youth. There will be a new format this year. Kevin Cushman will lead the 5th through 8th grades and Kent will be working with the 9th graders.

Worship – Sue Zirnhelt

Currently Tammy Koch and Stacy are learning the worship program. The Projection Guys will set up projectors once the correct equipment is established. Monies are available (fundraised, donated)

A mission statement has been developed: Serve together, Grow together, Worship together.

A date for worship fall cleaning is being set.

Advent services are being planned.

Evangelism

September 12 will be friendship Sunday. Invitations are water bottles labeled “Refuel your spirit”.

September 20 is Newcomers with about 25 people planning to attend.

Church in Society – Jean Sorenson

Highway cleanup is coming up. Watch the bulletin for details.

Stewardship

Worship themes are being planned for the fall stewardship drive (ripple effect).

Letters discussing “hoped for giving” will be going out in the mail to members.

October 18 is Commitment Sunday. Will ask council members to make commitments earlier.

October 4 a discussion time is set for questions regarding an associate pastor.

Other Business

Mission Trip – An informational meeting will be held 9/27 after the 1030 service. The trip is being planned with the assistance of Mission Impact.

A “noisy offering” is being planned. Watch for details.

The Human Sexuality Document was recently discussed at the National Assembly. The social statement was passed recognizing there are varying opinions regarding sexuality. The underlying tone of the document is to respect others opinions.

A resolution was passed to bless the union of same gender couples where congregations want this to happen.

A resolution was passed to allow gay and lesbian pastors to serve who are in long term relationships.

Kent will provide more information to congregation members explaining the document and what it means for Grace. On September 22 there will be a discussion group for congregation members to learn more about the resolutions.

The 2010 budget was discussed by each board with adjustments made. The changes will be made with further evaluation at the October council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 by Michelle Peterson.