

Fellowship Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2012

Members Present: John Toschik, Megan Cordle, Jann Nelson, Gary Swartzlander, Marcia Werner, Keith Kelly, and Shannon Taylor

Others Present: Steve Camp, Pastor Alan Fox

Members Absent: Peyton Nielsen and Dan Klaassen

Call to Order by Council President, Gary Swartzlander at 6:15 p.m.

Devotion conducted by Megan Cordle

The minutes of the June 12th meeting were dispersed electronically by Megan Cordle in the absence of Shannon Taylor. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Shannon Taylor and second by Jann Nelson. Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda for August 14th meeting by Marcia Werner and a second by Megan Cordle. Motion passed to approve the Agenda of August 14th, 2012.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- New member – J Nelson – Sherri the committee lead and Sharon Russ will be meeting very soon. Sherri is looking at revising the Time and Talent sheets. A question came up about when Pictorial Directories are ordered? There is no set schedule to order the directories. .
- Music —M Werner reporting for D Klaassen – Vicki is struggling with various Choir times on Sunday. Various discussions are ongoing on how to remedy this.
- Stewardship – J. Nelson – Shelly Holly is the new Committee Lead for Stewardship. Plans are already in the works to include, bulletin inserts, ministry fair occurring on September 23rd and October 28th Harvest Celebration Service. Letters will be going out to the congregation with pledge cards. It is important for Council Members to return the cards quickly. 100% participation by Council members is encouraged.
- Children & Youth – M Werner – September 7th will be Children’s Ministry and Small Group kickoff at Donna Hardin’s house. Parenting Boot Camp will occur on November 3rd.
- Media – J Toschik – Bids for Audio/Video upgrades for the Sanctuary cost approximately \$35,000. Monitors for the Commons area are being discussed. Roy Brockmeier is working on a church app for I-phones and I-pads. You tube might be a way to show sermons from Pastor Alan. S. Camp to work on copyright issues.
- Service & Endowment – M Cordle – The ministry of the month is Grissom Partners in Education. Endowment will be meeting soon.
- Strategic Plan – Pastor Alan – The committee is working on a workable timeline for a part time Associate Minister to handle care issues. A recommendation will be made to Council at the September meeting with specifics on hiring an Associate Pastor.
- Community Awareness – Pastor – Pastor attended a seminar “Advertising on a Shoe String”. Fellowship is trying to partner with Grissom Elementary on projects.

- Small Group – S Taylor – Small Group to have fall kick off meeting on September 7th.
- Property – S Camp – There has been an odor in the Praise and Worship Center. In order to fix the duct work to fix the issue the cost will range from \$10 to \$12 thousand dollars. A new AC unit would cost \$15,000.
- Personnel – S. Camp – Rhonda Falkensten is the new receptionist for Fellowship.

Old Business

Capital Campaign - G Swartzlander

- Ginni Young will not be heading up Capital Campaign at this time. Capital Campaign will be pushed out to 2013. Gary Swartzlander will send out a letter to members of the congregation advising of various capital projects, that have not been budgeted for in current operating budget. Any additions or suggestions to the letter need to be received by Gary before Friday.

New Business

Distribution of Memorial Gift – Pastor Alan

- A memorial gift of \$100,000 has been designated to Fellowship Lutheran Church to use as needed. After much discussion and a review of the designated items for the Capital Campaign, it is decided to “fix some things”.
- Shannon Taylor makes a motion to take the \$100,000 memorial gift and apply to three projects of carpet, roof and HVAC unit in the Praise & Worship Center. Marcia Werner seconds the motion and the motion passed.

Council Commitment to Stewardship and Stewardship Activity – G Swartzlander

- Covered during the Stewardship committee report.

Church Picnic – G Swartzlander

- The All Church Picnic is going to be held on Sunday, September 7th. All council members are encouraged to attend and volunteer for various activities.

Eagle Scout Project by Drew Hinkle – Council Members

- After a review of the full project, Council agrees that the project should proceed.

Treasurer’s Report – S Camp

June and July’s Treasurer Reports were reviewed. Giving for June was at \$51,603 income versus expenses of \$61,401 for a deficit of \$9,798. In July income was \$70,039 with expenses at

\$69,323 for a positive balance of \$716. Overall Income for the year is \$491,181 with expenses of \$479,238 for a positive balance of \$11,943. In general giving has remained strong in 2012. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer Reports for June and July by Marcia Werner. Megan Cordle made a second to the motion and Motion carried to approve the June and July Treasurer Reports.

Celebrations

Council celebrates the life of Marsha Grove and her impact on the Church and others.

Council is thankful for the rain

A celebration is made that Jeff Rauschenberg had a successful surgery

Council celebrates all the summer volunteers who helped with various programming, from Arts Camp to Vacation Bible School and Sports Camp.

Adjourned with prayer at 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: Sept. 9th at 3:00pm Devotion: John Toschik