

**FLC Council Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2013 at 6:00pm**

**Members Present:** Megan Cordle, Keith Kelly, Jann Nelson, Donna Merkle, Peyton Nielsen, Gary Swartzlander, John Toschik and Marcia Werner

**Others Present:** Pastor Alan Fox, Pastor Janai' Robinson, Steve Camp, and Ellie Pedersen

**Members Absent:** Dan Klaassen

**Devotion** presented by Keith Kelly

**Call to Order** by Gary Swartzlander at 6:20pm

**Service Team** – report by Ellie Pedersen. Service team recommended that the Christmas Eve offering be equally shared between Parent and Child Center of Tulsa (PCCT); whose mission is to educate, treat and provide advocacy work to prevent child abuse and neglect and Guyana Lutheran Music Academy (GLMA) which is designed to provide additional musical training and resources to our companion synod the Lutheran Church of Guyana to further develop their music ministry.

The mission of the months for 2014 were all reviewed:

January – Transportation

February – Little Light House

March - Oaks Indian Mission

April – ELCA Malaria Campaign

May – Emergency Children's Services

June – Emergency Assistance Fellowship Lutheran

July – Alzheimer's Walk

August – Grissom School Needs & Undie Sunday

September - CropWalk

October - RAMPS

November – Tulsa Hunger

December – Angel Tree

Additional events would be the Quilters Bake Sale in September and Bread for the World – March 5 –April 20

Motion made by Keith Kelley and second by Pastor Alan to approve the Christmas Eve offering donation dispersal as submitted by the Service Team. Motion passes.

The minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting were dispersed electronically by Secretary, Marcia Werner. A motion was made by Jann Nelson and seconded by Donna Merkle to approve the minutes. Motion passed to approve October 8<sup>th</sup> minutes.

A motion was made to approve the amended November 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Agenda by Peyton Nielsen and seconded by John Toschik. Motion passed to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda.

**Committee Updates:**

- Stewardship: Pledges received were an increase over last year – S. Camp
- Children & Youth –Trunk or Treat was conducted on Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Youth Fundraiser of making Apple Pies is this Saturday at 10:00am. Advent activities are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Lots of opportunities for participation – Stepping Stones, Wednesday night and Sunday School. – M. Werner
- Media –Two Veteran's Awareness events are posted on UTube and the Quilters group presented quilts to the VA Hospital in Muskogee which was also recorded. – John Toschik
- Service & Endowment – M. Cordle reported that the mission of the month is John 3:16. Eight grants will be dispersed on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from the Endowment committee totaling \$6,100.00
- Strategic Plan – still discussing the evolution of leadership and restructure for growth, goal to engage larger percentage of congregation with cross generational support and events – Pastor Alan
- Community Awareness – Christmas Choir events and the three Christmas Eve services – 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm will be advertised – Pastor Alan
- Small Group – D. Merkle reported small groups are meeting once a month.

- Property – S. Camp reported that the \$500 donation allowed for replacing some sanctuary lighting with LED lights with the work being completed by the Wednesday work group.
- Music – Will begin recording Christmas music to produce a CD that will be sold next year as a fundraiser for the music department – John Toschik
- Nominating Committee – Calls to current committee chairs have been made. Four Council seats will be open as Marcia Werner, Peyton Nielsen, Megan Cordle and John Toschik terms are ending their terms. An initial nominating committee report and Congregational meeting agenda were dispersed. Calls and e-mails will continue to be made. – Marcia Werner
- 2013 Vital Aging Conference – An Assessment will continue on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with the development of a mission statement and formation of an Advisory Team. Working on planning a networking luncheon with other churches - Jann Nelson.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Coterminous plan** – Pastor Alan presented a Pastoral Change Agreement for our review. No action was taken at this meeting.
- **Celebration Sunday Follow-up** – Great service, good food and lots of fellowship occurred.
- **Arkansas – Oklahoma Synod 2012** (Bishops Summit) – Nov. 15-16 @ St. Crispin's in Wewoka, we still need people to attend.

#### **New Business:**

- Single/Marriage Conference to be planned for 2015 and Pastor Janai' is looking for people to assist with development
- Monthly Young Adult Activities – Janai' is looking for people to assist with planning and developing.

#### **Treasurer's Report – S. Camp**

- The October Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Reported giving for October- income of \$68,092 with expenses of \$75,512 with year-to-date income of \$687,453 versus expenses of \$726,421 for a negative of **\$38,968**. Motion by Peyton Nielsen and second by John Toschik to approve the financial report, motion passes.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Megan Cordle and second by Donna Merkle. Motions passes.

Close with Prayer at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: December 10th at 6:00pm

Devotion: D. Klaassen