

Congregation Council

May 19, 2010

Present: Tom Burkholder, Peg Higgins, Val Holcomb, Paul Logan, Ellen Lyman, Laurie McCary, Al Bredehorst, Ellen Picard, Louise Swanson, Pr Henry Morris, Sue Allaire
Guests: Martha Sterrett (Nominating Committee), Wayne Johnson
Excused: Laura Nicholls

Opening Devotions Sue Allaire

Communications: Memo from Lisa regarding Financial Records Retention and Destruction (ELCA Records Retention Schedule for Congregations)

- Elimination of old unnecessary documents currently being stored will free up much needed space
- She would like to begin a summer project of reorganizing and streamlining the office

Minutes from April 21, 2010 meeting:

The April Minutes were amended to include motions that minutes were approved from both February 17 and March 17.

Motion: Valerie Holcomb, seconded by Ellen Picard Accepted

Pastor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Report attached.

Easter giving was down this year

Extra month giving is making a big difference in offsetting slow giving

Rent for the Parsonage hasn't been paid in 3 months. Tenant moving out at the end of May.

The 85 Contance Lane unit of the triplex will also be coming available at the end of May

Motion to accept by Louise Swanson, seconded by Valerie Holcomb Accepted

Local Benevolences for 2010:

- Four recipients of \$1,000. benevolence contributions should be selected. Two selected by the Congregation Council, and two selected from the Congregation
 - Congregation Council selections (highlighted organizations represent the Council's picks)
 - **Resurrection Lutheran Church New Haven**
 - Heifer Project
 - Camp Calumet
 - Koinonia of Vermont
 - Zion Soup Kitchen / Plainville Food Pantry
 - Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia

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- Lutheran World Relief
 - Lutheran Social Services
 - St. Vincent DePaul
 - Prudence Crandall Center
 - Klingberg
 - Lutheran Youth Encounter
 - Habitat for Humanity / Fuller Center
 - **Caring for Kids**
- Congregation votes will take place during the Announcement time at the end of eand service on June 6. Lisa will be asked to put a message in the Bulletin for May 30th

Nominating Committee:

- Ellen Picard and Martha Sterrett reported that they've made good progress but still have a few more folks to contact and are waiting to hear back from a couple.

Commission Reports:

- Property and Finance – no report

- Outreach and Witness – no report
- Congregational Life Commission – No report

- Staff Support – no report

Call Committee

- The Call Committee has met and interviewed the first candidate recommended by the Synod. The meeting and interview went very well. We attended a worship service to hear the candidate preach. This was also very well received. The Call Committee has unanimously agreed to recommend this candidate to the Congregation Council for their consideration. The Finance Committee will meet to put together a proposed compensation package to be presented to the Bishop's Office and the candidate early next week. A meeting has been scheduled for the Council to meet with the candidate on Wednesday evening May 26.
- The regularly scheduled Congregational Meeting will be held on June 13
- If all goes well with the meeting of the Congregation Council with the candidate, we have scheduled a special Congregational meeting for June 20 for the congregational to meet the Candidate during worship and vote whether to call the candidate to be pastor, and approve the compensation package.

Old Business

- Congratulations to Laurie McCary on her Commissioning as a Stephen Minister in the Congregational Church in Southington.

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New Business:

- None

Motion to adjourn: Al Bredehorst, seconded by Tom Burkholder. Accepted

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: June 16, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Allaire