

## VERMONT CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

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**DATE: 03-18-10** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Pastor Chad led devotions.

**PRESENT:** Peter Antonie, Pastor Chad Christensen, Bonnie Dauck, Patty Herrling Virginia Johnson, Stan Morley,  
**ABSENT:** Jill Stone-Brisky, Scott Berger, Bill Kennedy, Ingerid Kvam  
**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS:** Sarah Yotter, Jim Ludolf, Greg Herrling

**MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:** Sarah Yotter from the South Synod Office explained the concept of a Mutual Ministry Committee and the possible roles it can play in individual churches to support the pastor and promote the mission and ministry of the church. The committee acts as a support group to the pastor for discussing current pastoral and congregational issues. The group would likely have scheduled meetings 1-2X/year in addition to being convened on an as-needed basis. The committee should number 5-8 with members representing a cross section of the congregation. One member should serve as liaison to the council. Individual members need to have a healthy faith life, be circumspect, be able to make constructive, not critical, comments, challenge, encourage and support the pastor, look at church and community trends, provide historical context for the pastor, and be willing to reflect on how and where God is calling our congregation to mission.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Greg and Jim discussed the new outdoor facility and changes that have been made to the original plan. It is now a 4-season building. The project includes renovation of the kitchen entryway and lowering the grade of the cemetery road. A substantial gift was made by a church member to cover projected cost overages created by the changes made to the original building plan. The Funding Committee has been formed with Sara Herrling, Klover and Dennis Schafer, Bill Meddings, Jon Urness and Greg Herrling serving. Saturday, March 20 chili lunch is planned to gather and begin organizing project volunteers. Construction is slated to begin in late March or early April with project completion planned in time to begin Wednesday summer services in the new building.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Written report submitted by Pastor Chad.

- **Parish Statistics:** Home/Nursing Home Visits: 15. Funeral: 1 (Betty Antonie)
- No soup supper or committee meeting during Holy Week.
- **Holy Week:** April 1 Maundy Thursday worship 7 pm, April 2 Good Friday worship 7 PM
- **Ecumenical Sunrise Service:** Easter, April 4, 7 AM at New Heights in Black Earth.
- **Easter Sunday Service at Vermont at 9:30**
- **Adult Study Groups:** Continue Tuesday evenings (The Centered Life) and Thursday mornings (Honoring of Neighbor's Faith).
- **Vacation:** 2.5 days taken (Taken to date 10.5).
- **Haiti Medical Mission:** March 14 Dr. DiGiovani spoke at New Heights in Black Earth.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from 2-11-10 reviewed and approved (Stan, Ginny)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Feb. minutes reviewed and approved (Virginia, Bonnie). If members wish to do automatic debiting for their contributions, they need to contact their personal banks to set this up.

### VISION AND MISSION:

- **Signs:** Terry Dewitt's bid as amended at the Feb council meeting for 1 large sign and a portable sandwich board sign was approved (Ginny, Stan). Bonnie will notify him so that he can start work on the project.
- **LEAD seminar:** Pastor Chad, Ginny and Klover attended and reported to the council. They attended workshops on stewardship, the Lutheran World Hunger Project and Lutheran World Relief.
- **Updating Vermont Constitution:** Peter will look at model constitutions and pull a couple of people together to get revisions started.
- **Membership Rolls:** Pastor Chad and Linda Watkins have pulled together information for current membership. All records of baptisms, confirmations, funerals, and weddings are up to date and have been reported to the synod office.
- **Vermont Web Site:** Peter will ask Linda to contact the synod office to post our web address on the synod web site.
- **Pictorial Directory:** Discussed new directory, possibly done in-house and having a web version in addition to a print copy. The E-Directory would be accessible to members only using a password. Having an e-directory would encourage membership use of the Vermont Web Site and be easily updated when we gain new members. May have Outreach committee take on this project.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer. **Next Council Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2010 6:30 PM** (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month)

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Dauck, Vermont Council Secretary