

VERMONT CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: 09/17/09 Meeting called to order 6:30 PM by Peter Antonie

PRESENT: Peter Antonie, Scott Berger, Pastor Chad Christensen, Bonnie Dauck, Patty Herrling, Gary Olsen, Klover Schafer, Jill Stone Brisky

ABSENT: Jon Urness and Bill Kennedy

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Michael Dauck and Greg Herrling from building committee

PASTOR'S REPORT: (see yellow attachment)

- **New member Sunday Sept 27.**

The following individuals were approved for new membership by the council:

- Douglas Hayes, Jim Festge, James Erickson, Bill Meddings, Kelly Kidd and daughter Addison, Lisa Moran and son Alexander, Kim DeCock and son Riley, Tracy Jaworski and daughter Kim, Dale Paddock and (for associate membership) Bonn Pibbenow.

New members approved at our last meeting were :

- Heidi Lemke and children Dylan, Brooklyn and Lukas, Ashley Pfister, Debra Krebs, Christopher and Bridgett Wolle and children Auguste, Bertram and Sonja, Wes Childs, Sadie Barsness, and Christy Festge.

- **Adam Festge and Jamaica Hix will be married** at Vermont on Oct 3.
- Pastor Chad discussed **Year Round Stewardship Program** emphasizing local, synod and churchwide ministries that our ELCA offerings go toward as well as "growth giving" discussion scheduled for November.
- **Sunday school** is in progress again. Pastor Chad joins the classes each Sunday after worship.
- **Confirmation** class has 16 students; Jack Doyle, Tyler Haugen and Kyle Norslien will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, Oct 25.
- **Vermont Youth Group** had kick-off meeting and was well attended. Sept-Nov meetings are scheduled.
- **Bible Study** is starting at 2 days and times: Tues evenings at 7 and Thurs morning at 10:00; topic is the Bible through a Lutheran Lens

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Klover will email Notes from August meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed and approved. (Gary, Scott)

VISION AND MISSION:

- **Actions Taken from Pastor's Report:**

- Payment for organist/musicians for summer mid-week services. Item will be added in next year's budget also. Motion to authorize payment made (Gary, Klover) and carried by voice vote.
- Approval for private baptisms (outside worship services) Motion to authorize made (Scott, Patty) and carried by voice vote.
- Establish pastoral service rate for Ellestad and other Funeral Homes to have on record. Motion made (Patty, Gary) and carried to recommend a \$200 rate
- **Prayer book and Thrivant Cross** will be given to new confirmands.
- **Reformation Sunday** Special offering to be taken; \$1 for each baptized member to be donated to ELCA

- **Building Project:**

- Discussed final building plans and prepared for Congregational meeting to solicit approval of building project.
- Draft of congregational letter was discussed.
- Appreciative Thanks extended to all committee members for thorough planning .

- **Future space needs** discussed: 9 rooms for adjoining offices for pastor and secretary, private meeting room, 3 Sunday School rooms, additional rest rooms, storage rooms (at least one that is secure)
- **Also will need high tech teaching tools** including screen, power point capability, electronic equipment; especially for youth education/programs and continuing adult education, and other large group presentations
- **New Hymnals** Motion made (Bonnie, Jill) and carried to purchase new hymnals using available funds of \$650. Additional books can be purchased and donated by families and individuals.
- **Church Secretary:**
 - Hours will increase to meet office needs. Will retain core hours of 9 AM to 2PM, T,W,Th
 - Office volunteers will still be needed to do Messenger assembly, mailings, data entry for communion.
 - Gary, Patty and Peter will do Yearly Evaluation with Linda
 - 2nd phone line still not in yet
- **Update Directory** needed to include new members
- **Lightning damage church insurance claim has been paid.**
- **Biker Breakfast:**
 - Modest turnout: made \$650 (\$200 from Thrivent matching funds). \$400 went to Dream Bikes and \$250 to Christians in Action Food Pantry
 - Next year will schedule it to coincide with last day of Sunday School with 10:30 breakfast after worship (?May 23)
- **Future Vision:**
 - Sheet passed out for council members to consider for next meeting discussion: 3-5 areas for our church to focus on in the coming year. (see handout)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **October Meeting: Establish 3-5 areas of focus for 2010**
- **November Meeting: Preliminary Budget**
- **December Meeting: Finalize Budget for Annual Meeting**

Next Vermont Council Meeting will be January 19, 2006, 7:15PM (following Parish Council Mtg at 6:30PM) at Vermont Lutheran Church. Snow date: January 26.

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Dauck, Vermont Council Secretary