

Vermont Church Council Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Present: Pastor Chad, Peter Antonie, Scott Berger, Bonnie Dauck, Bill Kennedy, Gary Olsen, Klover Schafer

Absent: Jill Stone-Brisky, Patty Herrling Jon Urness.

Devotions: Pastor Chad led us in devotions focused on “How do your discipleship and stewardship reflect your values?”

Secretary’s Report: Minutes from October reviewed and approved. (Gary, Klover).

Treasurer’s Report:

- October report reviewed and approved. (Bill, Scott).
- November report reviewed and approved (Klover, Bonnie)
- Discussed how to present budget information in Messenger. Objectives: Transparency, Education, Update congregation on running budget, Mission information, Motivate commitment to giving

Pastors Report: (Please see attached report.)

- 3 Baptisms: Alex Severson, Kelly and Addison Kidd
- 1 Wedding: Adam Festge and Jamaica Hix
- 1 Funeral Thora Gillette
- Discussed year round stewardship program. Nov 29 and Dec 6 are commitment Sundays
- Reading the Bible Through a Lutheran Lens Bible study concluded: 10 members attended
- Attended Bishop’s Fall Convocation Oct 18-20
- Joined Synod Mission Discovery Journey’s project concerned with revitalization ministries
- Vacation Nov. 13-14 and 18-22.
- Aldro Johnson’s funeral will be at Vermont on Nov 17
- New red hymnals here and ready to start use on first Sunday in Advent, Nov 29
- Eccumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Pauls in Marxville Nov 24, 6:30 PM
- 2 Christmas Eve services: 4:00 and 11:00 PM.

Vision and Mission:

- **Secretary:**
 - Linda will be on medical leave. Joan Haugen will cover in her absence. She will be paid at Linda’s rate of pay including SS funds.
 - Annual evaluation by Pastor Chad and Council President will be done after first of year.
 - Hours: M&F 9-2:00, T&Th 9-2:00 . Total: 15-20 hour week.
 - Needs access to credit card for routine purchases. Will look into getting a rechargeable credit card from the bank.
- **Annual Meeting** set for January 24, 2010 after 9:30 worship service. Please get reports into Secretary ASAP after the end of the year.
- **Preliminary 2010 Budget** proposal was reviewed and discussed. Final version will be presented at the December meeting. Thanks to Peter, Gary, Patty for their work.
- **Facilities Use Committee:** proposed shelving in Solomon’s temple area for storage for quilting and other WELCA materials so that office area storage is freed up for secretarial use. Money from WELCA funds being used.
- **Outdoor Facility:** Construction will start in spring.

Future Vision: Areas of Focus for 2010 Committees are up and running in each area.

Focus on Active Engagement of Adults, Youth and Children

- Stewardship: Year round program for time, talents and treasure, Monthly highlighted Benevolence on 3d Sunday of each month. Opportunities to volunteer in long and short term projects at and outside of church.
- Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Ministries. Programs have been revamped.
- Adult Education: Bible Study, Book Club, Women's Circles, Retreats, Sunday Forums
- Mission in Community, Synod, ELCA, WELCA, Men's Ministeries
- Outreach/People Time Includes: Visitors, New Members, Community Awareness.

Men's Ministries:

- 5 area churches meet 1st Wed of each month for Brkf at Grandma Mary's or Lukenbooth.
- At Vermont: 2-tier:
 - Men/boys mentoring and working/playing together in God's Service.
 - Meatball Dinner
 - Pastor Chad is eager to support anyone who want to start a men's ministry at Vermont with the activity oriented focus for men to form friendships, increase comfort in church membership, mentoring of youth, build leadership skills.

Ballot for Annual Meeting:

- **2 Representatives to the Synod Assembly** (2-day weekend)
- **Endowment Committee**: Thanks to outgoing member: Carsten Haugen. Continuing members: Eric Haugen, Greg Herrling, Stan Morley, Gaila Olsen.
- **New Council Members for 2110**
 - Going off council with our sincere thanks for a job well done: Gary Olsen, Klover Schafer, Jon Urness
 - Continuing Members with 2 more years: Peter Antonie (2nd term), Scott Berger (1st term)
 - Continuing Members with 1 more year: Bonnie Dauck (2nd term), Bill Kennedy (1st term), Jill Stone-Brisky (2nd term)

Meeting Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2009. 6:30 PM.

Please call Peter or Pastor Chad if you are unable to attend.